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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Dangers Of Recession

THE latest United Nations World Economic Report focuses attention on two important points. First, it insists that the decline in US business activity since the middle of 1953 cannot be dismissed merely as an inventory recession. That is to say, it is not a self-adjusting process—the fall automatically giving way to another resumption of the long-term upward trend as soon as stocks have been sufficiently reduced. Behind the inventory aspect of the recession, which has made the newspaper headlines, there is the much less tractable problem of finding something to offset the decline in Government defence expenditure. The second important point made by the UN report is that this is not a problem peculiar to the United States. It is true that up to date Western Europe, so far from generating its own independent recession side by side with the US, has actually provided, through its own continued expansion, the additional demand for commodities which has helped to prevent the American trouble from spreading rapidly through the rest of the world. But in the long run, the report suggests, West European Governments will, as they reduce their defence spending, face the same problem of calling into being substitute forces to sustain economic activity, as has now emerged in the United States.

AN obvious answer, it might seem, would be to increase Government spending for civilian purposes as defence expenditure declines. But that is carrying economic arithmetic to the point where it is utterly remote from human desires, and the political policies in which they are expressed. The fact is that no normal Western Government would be likely to act in this way. Thus, barring some vast programme of foreign investment, which stimulates the demand of underdeveloped countries for manufactured goods, the industrial countries must depend for the maintenance of employment and business on rising personal consumption and private capital investment. The conclusion that emerges from the United Nations analysis is consumers cannot be relied upon to do the trick by themselves. It suggests that a decline in Government defence spending will, even if it is accompanied by a cut in taxation, tend to make people spend less and save more. Certainly, what has happened in the American recession so far bears out this contention. Although disposable income after taxes has gone up, the change in the economic climate appears to have made people save the extra margin. Consumer expenditure on manufactured goods has actually fallen slightly. So the conclusion is that the crucial factor is the trend of private investment in fixed capital. It is not very encouraging, therefore, that the latest indications from the US are that several large business enterprises are now revisiting their earlier investment plans for this year downwards.

MALAYA RUBBER INDUSTRY MUST—

REPLANT OR DIE

Kuala Lumpur, June 22. Sir Francis Mudie, chairman of the three-man rubber fact finding mission, said today that the Malayan rubber industry must "replant or die."

He appealed to the public for information and opinions when he spoke at the mission's first press conference.

Sir Francis said the natural rubber industry could "kill two birds with one stone" by replanting, coping with increased demands for rubber and fall in the price of synthetic.

He said: "We can't sit and wait for the price of synthetic to fall. We must look ahead. You have a well developed industry. You have experience and everything else. In your position you can beat anyone."

KEEN COMPETITION

Sir Francis said competition from synthetic would be more keen in the future, as keen as American businessmen wanted to make it.

"Germany also might produce synthetic as well as France, Italy and Britain."

He added: "The important thing you must keep in mind is the fact that discovery of a new process in synthetic rubber production may be able to be put into use within a year and thereby bring down the price of synthetic in that time. In the natural rubber industry it is not possible to do this."

"If a reasonable replanting programme is adopted then the cost will come down and production will go up. These are conditions necessary if you want to compete with synthetic."

Other members of the mission are Dr J. R. Ruckman, reader in agricultural economics at the University of London, and Mr Bernard Marsh, member of a leading firm of chartered accountants in London.

Sir Francis said the mission expected to finish its survey in two months.

He said the mission would not make any recommendations regarding wages as this question was not included in the mission's terms of reference.

Commenting on the terms of reference on unemployment, Sir Francis said: "We are concerned with prevention of unemployment. Our business is to see how employment could be maintained in industry."—Reuter.

Fire Damages Two Ships

Hamburg, June 22. The 2400-ton British tanker, Affinity, and the German 782-ton tanker, Otto, were damaged today by a fire which broke out aboard the Otto. Both vessels were berthed in Hamburg harbour.

The fire started when an oil pipe burst aboard the Otto. Burning oil poured into the water and made the Affinity's steel plates red hot, starting a fire in her cabins.

The fires were put out within an hour after parts of the Affinity had been flooded. Harbour officials said it was not yet certain whether the Affinity would be able to put to sea without repairs. She is owned by E.T. Everard and Sons of London.—Reuter.

Air-Sea Search For Drifting Boat

Penang, June 22. Royal Air Force planes today joined the air and sea search for a fishing boat adrift with six men aboard somewhere off the north-western coast of Malaya.

The boat left Penang nearly three weeks ago. It became stranded with propeller trouble. Nine members of the crew had since returned by sampans before the drifting boat became lost.

An attempt was made last week to find the boat, but it failed.

Mr D. W. Le Mare, Director of Fisheries, Malaya, who is co-

Chou-Mendes-France Talks May Be Decisive

FRENCH PREMIER LEAVES FOR BERNE

Geneva, June 22.

Observers in Geneva strongly believe that the talks between French Premier Pierre Mendes-France and Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai scheduled for tomorrow, will be decisive for the future of the Geneva Conference.

It seems obvious that the two statesmen will discuss the solutions proposed by the military commission now meeting in Geneva, as well as the questions not yet settled at the conference without, however, dealing with the details, which would be left to the experts.

Beginning at 3 p.m., the two premiers, meeting in the French Embassy at Berne, will review the Indo-China question. It is not known if they will limit their talks to this subject alone or if they will also discuss the matter of Franco-Chinese relations.

The various delegations in Geneva are awaiting with interest the outcome of the talks which will probably decide the future of the negotiations here.

M. Jean Chauvel, the acting head of the French delegation at Geneva, had an interview this morning with Mr Chou En-lai to make preparations for the official talk tomorrow.

The forthcoming meeting between the French and Chinese premiers relegated to the background this afternoon's session on Indo-China held by the Geneva Conference. Nothing new was produced. The question of armistice control was brought up again, and the deputies of the different delegations once more explained their respective views.

The Communist delegations showed a general inclination to treat the matter of Indo-China as a whole. Thus Mr K. V. Novikov, the Soviet representative, showed no intention of supporting the creation of three separate commissions, one for each of the Indo-China states, as Cambodia had suggested.

The non-Communist delegations concentrated most of their attention on Laos and Cambodia, making it clear that they considered there was a fundamental difference between the situation in these countries and in Vietnam.

The Laotian representative, Outot Souvannavong, made an original proposal suggesting that the two co-chairmen, British and Soviet, should attempt to reconcile their views on the armistice control question, without, however, ignoring the proposal made last Friday by the French delegate for a special commission to be set up for that purpose.

Mr Novikov indicated that he had not yet answered the French proposal because he was awaiting the arrival tomorrow of Vassili Kuznetsov, Deputy Foreign Minister, who will head the Soviet delegation here.—Reuter.

LEAVES FOR BERNE
Paris, June 23. The French Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France, left Paris last night at 10.05 for Berne to meet Chinese Foreign Minister Chou En-lai.

M. Mendes-France arrived smiling at the station accompanied by his wife and nearly all his Ministers. They included General Pierre Koenig, Defence Minister, M. Christian Fouchet, Minister for Morocco and Tunisia, and M. Jean Guerin, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

He was accompanied by a 26-day-old baby's life, the Amal evening news reported from Hiroshima town in southern Japan today.

A doctor used the magnet to pull a steel ball from the baby's throat where it had lodged.

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Magnet Saves Baby's Life

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DIEN BIEN PHU ESCAPES SAFE

Saigon, June 22. Nineteen more French Union soldiers who fought at Dien Bien Phu reached French ports in northern Laos yesterday.

More than 100 men of the Dien Bien Phu garrison have now reached the French lines since the jungle stronghold fell to the Vietnamese.—Reuter.

Guatemala Latest

Showdown Battle Impending

REBEL PLANES OVER CAPITAL

Tegucigalpa, June 22. Anti-Communist rebels and Guatemalan government troops were reported gathering for a showdown battle today after the rebels reported they had isolated Puerto Barrios by cutting an important railway line.

Communists indicated that a major battle, which could be decisive, was shaping up at a rail junction in Zacapa State, 75 miles from Guatemala City, the capital.

Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas, leader of the anti-Communist forces said his followers were advancing steadily across Guatemala from east to west. His forces struck from neighbouring Honduras.

Enemy planes flew over Guatemala City today for the first time since Saturday, drawing heavy anti-aircraft fire and sending ambulances and fire engines to the southern section of the city, where the airport and military installations are situated.

The anti-aircraft fire was heard shortly after the planes were sighted over the capital at 7.30 a.m. After the planes withdrew ambulances and fire engines rushed towards the airport area.—United Press.

RADIO CONTEST

Belize, British Honduras, June 22.

A broadcast claimed to be from Radio Guatemala said today the rebel leader, Colonel Castillo Armas, had taken over the Republic of Guatemala and named himself President.

But a second broadcast heard here, also claimed to be from Radio Guatemala, said the first report was false.

It quoted an Army High Command statement claiming victory in three battles with heavy rebel losses and said victory for the Government forces was very near.

The statement said that at Guajal, near Zacapa, on the road from the Caribbean coast to Guatemala City, the rebels suffered heavy losses when the Army used mortar and artillery fire in a battle yesterday. Many prisoners were taken.

It added that the Army made contact with the rebels at two other places today—the key Caribbean port of Puerto Barrios and Chiquimula, north of Zacapa.

The statement said many rebel soldiers were captured when attempting to land near Puerto Barrios and arms and high explosives from a vessel carrying the invaders were also seized.

Rebel troops were trying to cut off the railway in Puerto Barrios, but the Army counter-attacked and many rebel patrols were surrounded with no possible chance of escape.

In Chiquimula, the Army also repelled the invaders with heavy losses, the statement said. The Army captured two Army lorries, ammunition, arms and supplies.

Claiming victory for the Government forces was very near, the High Command said a full report on this would be issued soon.

IDENTIFYING SIGNAL

Radio Guatemala later asked the people to listen for chimes ringing out the first few bars of the national anthem to identify the station.

It said the earlier report of the fall of the Government was made by "Radio Liberation" transmitting from Honduras.

The station said the only purpose of the earlier broadcast was to cause consternation and panic to the citizens.

It warned the listeners not to believe the lies by "rebel traitors in the service of the United Fruit Company."

The Radio also retransmitted a "rebel" broadcast of a "news" (Continued on page 4)

Election Winner



A striking action study of Dr Nkrumah, Gold Coast Premier, who will, following last week's elections, lead the first all-African Cabinet in Africa. This picture was taken at a rally in the Subin Valley in Kumasi, chief town of the Ashanti. He wears a Northern Territories type of smock. On his left is Mr Gbedemah, Minister of Commerce and Industry in the old parliament, and Nkrumah's right-hand man.—London Express Photo.

Chou En-lai Expected To Seek Assurances From Mr Nehru

New York, June 22.

Mr Chou En-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, will probably tell his Indian opposite number Mr Jawaharlal Nehru this week that China would strongly disapprove any suggestion of India's associating herself with an anti-Communist South-east Asian defence pact.

Diplomats at the United Nations Headquarters here believe the projected regional grouping, sponsored by the Western powers, will be one of the main topics of the informal talks the two Prime Ministers are to have in Delhi this week.

Mr Chou bitterly attacked the proposed alliance when he made his "Aja for the Asians" speech at the Korea and Indo-China conference in Geneva last month. Britain, which based its Geneva policy largely on winning the sympathy of neutral Asia, hopes that some of the neighbouring states will eventually join the grouping. But she has little hope of influencing India away from its traditional neutrality.

Mr Chou is expected to ask Mr Nehru for his views on which nations would probably consider membership of such a pact. Thailand and the Philippines are the only firm candidates so far.

President Eisenhower and Sir Winston Churchill will probably discuss other possible members when they meet in Washington this weekend.

Britain, France and the United States first mooted a Southeast Asian pact on the lines of the Atlantic alliance last April. The plan then went into cold storage because Britain refused to pursue it until the outcome of the Geneva conference was clear.

Another priority subject for the Chou-Nehru meeting is almost certain to be the international commission. It is proposed to set up to help supervise an Indo-China armistice.

With Mr Nehru's sanction both East and West have proposed India as a leading member of the commission. But Russia and China want to include at least one Communist state in the Commission, and give any member the right of veto which decisions are taken on important issues.

India had agreed to join the international commission when Britain proposed it should supervise the five Colombo powers.

10,000-Mile Voyage On A Raft Begins

Callao, Peru, June 22. William Willis, 61-year-old New Yorker, sailed today on a 34-foot raft in an attempt to cross the Pacific Ocean, accompanied only by a cat and a parrot.

A Peruvian Navy tug towed the balsa wood raft to a point about 10 miles offshore, in the midst of the Humboldt Current, which the New Yorker hopes will carry him as far as Samoa, some 10,000 miles away.

When the towing line was cast off, Willis hoisted his two orlon sails aboard the raft and was on his own.

"Eke" the parrot was seen friskily climbing up the rigging and those on board the tug heard a shrill parting verbal volley. The cat took shelter in the small, palm-thatched cabin.

As the tug turned back to Callao, carrying Mr Willis and a group of naval officials and newsmen, the raft soon became a mere dot on the ocean and finally disappeared.

Willis estimates the trip may last four to five months. His raft, named the Seven Little Brothers after the seven balsa tree trunks from which it was made, is only about half the size of the raft Kon Tiki, on which six Scandinavians crossed the Pacific in 1947.

FITTED WITH KEEL

Unlike the Kon Tiki, which had only a centre board and a steering oar, the Seven Little Brothers is equipped with a regular keel and a steering wheel. Willis said he was sure it would be faster than the Kon Tiki, easier to steer and would take him further away than the Scandinavians went.

Willis said he had no scientific theories to prove by his trip, whereas the Scandinavians on the Kon Tiki sought to prove that the South Pacific Islands were inhabited many centuries ago by South American natives who crossed the Pacific on rafts similar to theirs.

"I just want to show that a solitary man can conquer the ocean and the fury of the elements with his bare hands and the most rudimentary means of navigation," said Willis. "I also want to take colour pictures and gather material for a book."

EQUIPMENT

His raft is equipped with twin masts, radio transmitting and receiving equipment, two magnetic compasses, a water tank with supply for four or five months on the basis of one gallon daily consumption, sextants and navigation charts.

As for food, Willis said, he would use chiefly the Peruvian cereal known as "maiche," made from a variety of wild corn, with brown sugar and water.—United Press.

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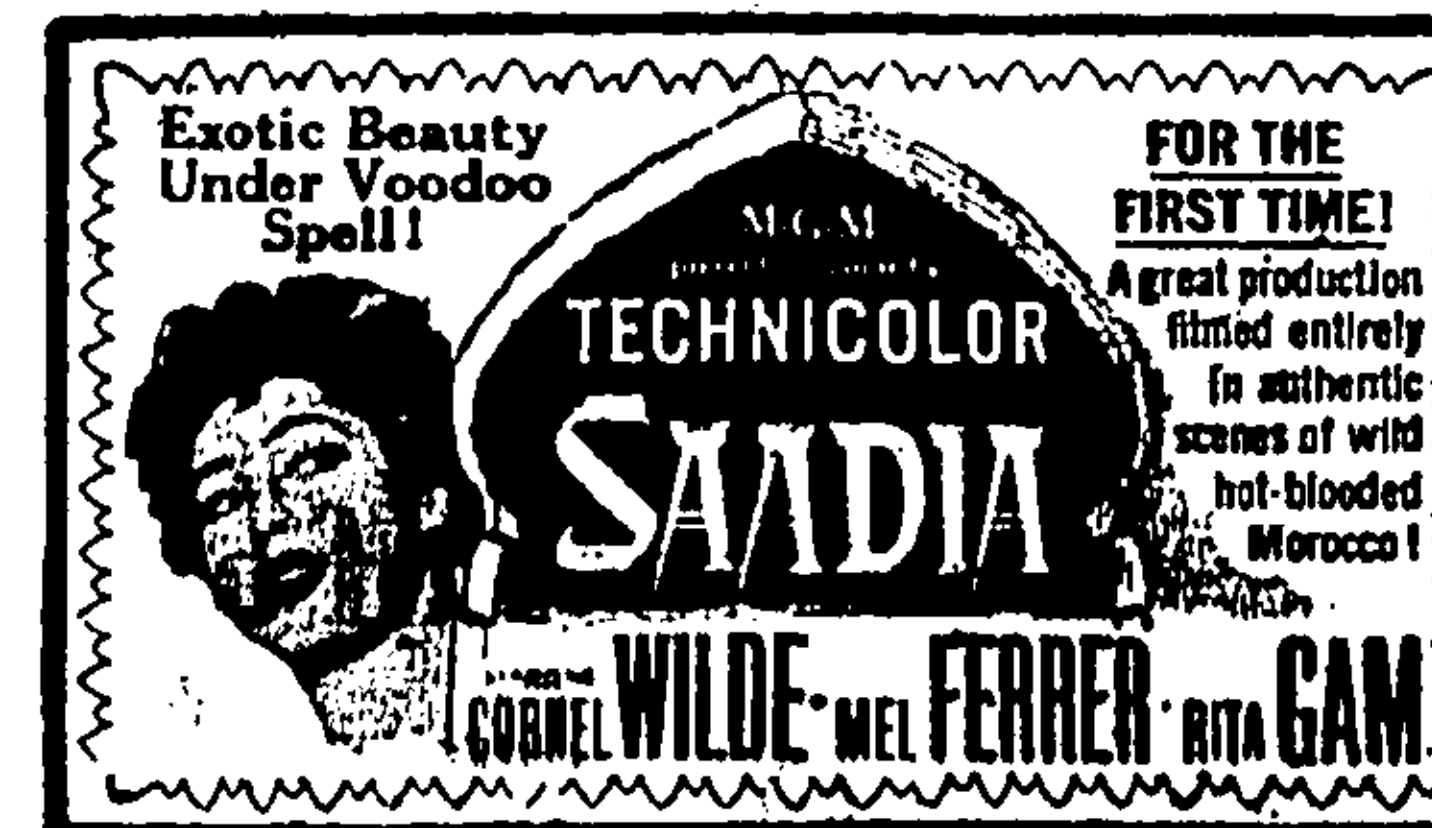
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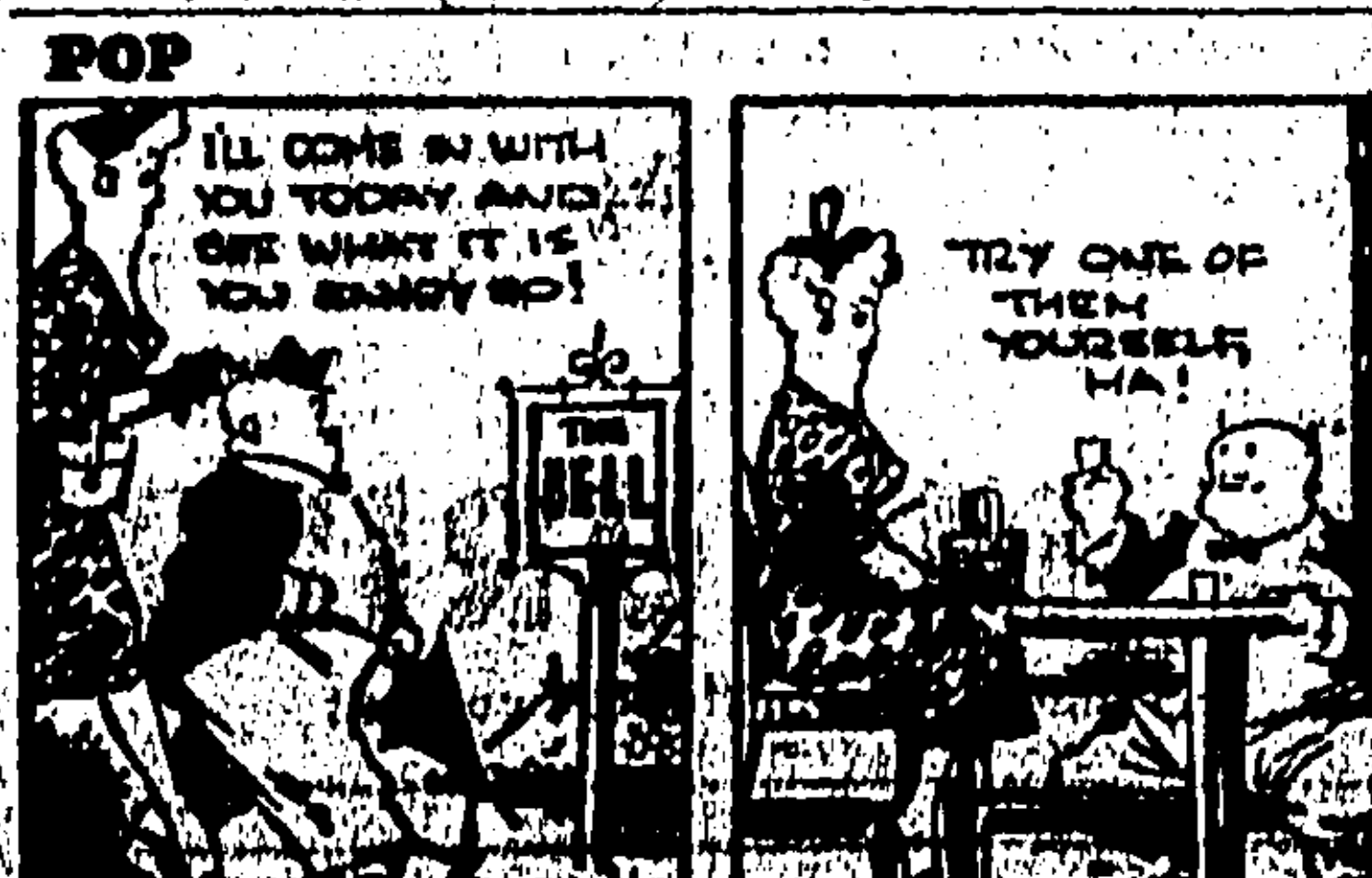
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In Atomic Age Population Shifts Predicted

Washington, June 22. A Defence Department atomic expert, Mr. Robert Lebaron, said that peace-time atomic power will cause a tremendous shift in America's population by the end of this century.

He predicted that the middle-west and south-west particularly will come under "substantial development."

With the threat of atomic war, Lebaron said in a copy-righted interview with U.S. News & World Report, a weekly news magazine, "I don't believe the world will ever be satisfied again to keep big concentrations of peoples in small target areas."

Mr. Lebaron, Chairman of the Military Liaison Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission, predicted that in 50 years "you may have to look hard to find a steam power plant."

He said that in three years nuclear power will be turning out electricity for commercial use, with large quantities of such power available in five years.

What will happen, Lebaron said, is "a completely new type of industry, a decentralised type, which will enable us to utilize our resources and facilities in a much more flexible manner and in a great many ways that haven't been open to us."

Mr. Lebaron said atomic power is potentially cheaper than steam power and pointed out that uranium reserves are estimated to be 25 times greater than world coal reserves and 100 times more than oil and gas resources.

"There are many places where small atomic power plants could produce a vision of the future for the world as to what all nations could have in their own right in the next 20 or 30 years," he said.—United Press.

No British Motor Bicycles For Red China

London, June 22. The Minister of State at the Board of Trade, Mr. Derrick Heathcoat-Amory, said today his Department was willing to do all it could to encourage the export of non-strategic goods to China.

But the possibilities of developing this trade depended on the policy of the Chinese Government, he told the House of Commons.

Mr. Emrys Hughes, a Labour member, had asked what the Department had done to export British cycles and motor cycles to China.

Mr. Amory said the export of motor cycles to China was prohibited under the United Nations resolution. But there was no embargo on the export of pedal cycles.

Mr. Hughes said the Minister had previously stated that Britain was exporting small passenger cars to China. Why should these go and not motor cycles?

Mr. Amory said it was commonly known that motor cycles were used in military formations.—Reuters.

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Ladies' Hands Are Getting Smaller

London, June 22. British women's hands are getting smaller, say jewellers, and they can't explain why.

The size of engagement and wedding rings they sell is now well below the average of several years ago.

"And that applies to agricultural areas, too, where women have bigger hands than city women," an official said.—China Mail Special.

UK Willing To Consider Asian Alliance

Washington, June 22. The British Ambassador to Washington, Sir Roger Makins, said today Britain was "very willing to consider the possibility of a security system for South-east Asia."

He was taking part in a television interview with two Democratic members of the House of Representatives, Mr. Hale Boggs and Mr. Edward Herbert, both of Louisiana.

Sir Roger Makins said: "It is important to Britain to establish a security system in South-east Asia. It has been one of our purposes over a long period to try to bring that about."

He rejected reports of a rift in Anglo-American relations, describing them as "very much exaggerated."—Reuters.

Huge Malaria Toll In India

New Delhi, June 22. About 75 million people in India suffer from malaria, the "greatest single destroyer of the human race," said India's Health Minister, Rajakumari Amrit Kaur. She was inaugurating a national malaria publicity week for all India.

Of the 75 million sufferers, about 700,000 died directly from its ravages and a similar number due to the undermining of their health, she added.

"It is not merely a matter of casualties," she said. Its baneful effects impede the progress of our nation in almost all aspects of human endeavour particularly in agriculture, industry and commerce.

The Indian Government's programme against the disease so far includes the spraying of about 10 million houses with enough disinfectant to protect about 70 million people in malaria areas, the minister added.—Reuters.

Flensburg, W. Germany, June 22.

West German road authorities intend to compile a "sinners' file" of the 4,800,000 licensed drivers in the country.

All traffic offences will be listed on index cards. Once a month by means of an electronic scanning device the files will be searched for cards bearing an excessive number of offences. Police will then take action against chronic "sinners".

Applicants for licences will be checked against the index to prevent banned drivers from applying for a new one in another district.—China Mail Special.

Centralised Police Force Restored In Japan

Yoshida Takes Control On July 1

Tokyo, June 23.

The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Yoshida, after a political struggle lasting more than a year, will take over supreme control of more than 170,000 police on July 1.

On that day, one of the most important reforms of the Occupation, the decentralisation of police law, becomes a dead letter. A Government Bill to change it was passed by the Upper House of the Japanese Diet (Parliament) on June 3, in spite of strong opposition from the Japanese press and a public which fears a revival of the pre-war police state.

When it comes into force on July 1, all Japanese police will come under the control of a civilian National Safety Commission and a Police Board.

The Chairman of the National Safety Commission will be a Cabinet Minister appointed by the Prime Minister.

The head of the police board will also be appointed by the Prime Minister. Police administration will be split into prefectural units with police chiefs to be appointed by the prefectural governors, at the head of each unit.

Under the new law, the Prime Minister has complete control over the police. Although the law states that he acts on the recommendation or advice of the National Safety Commission, there is nothing in the text of the law to say whether he is bound to accept the recommendations or advice of the Commission.

STRONGER THAN EVER

Under the new system the police are stronger and have greater potential power than the force which was abolished by the occupation commander, General Douglas MacArthur on grounds that it was used by the militarists and the politicians as a personal force to control the people.

The police system set up by the occupation was composed of

Daisaburo Tsugita, head of the pre-war police bureau, which was commonly known—and dreaded—as the "Devil's Bureau," said that the new system would create "Himmlers or Berias" if some dictatorial Prime Minister or Government Official "misused the power given to the chief of the National Police Board."

"Even in pre-war days," he added, "the chief of the police bureau was not given so much authority as the new police board chief will have."

Mr. Yoshida has two difficulties to face when the new system comes into effect.

CITIES OPPOSED

First the assemblies of five out of six of Japan's largest cities, Kobe, Osaka, Nagoya, Kyoto and Yokohama, are opposed to it.

Government supporters in the Kobe and Osaka Assemblies have even withdrawn from the Conservative, Liberal and Progressive parties in protest against the change in the system.

The major complaint of the cities opposed to the new law is that they are expected to share the burden of paying for the police while the Central Government has complete control.

The second difficulty is a dispute over the validity of the passage of the Bill in the Upper House. This may eventually have to be decided by the Supreme Court.

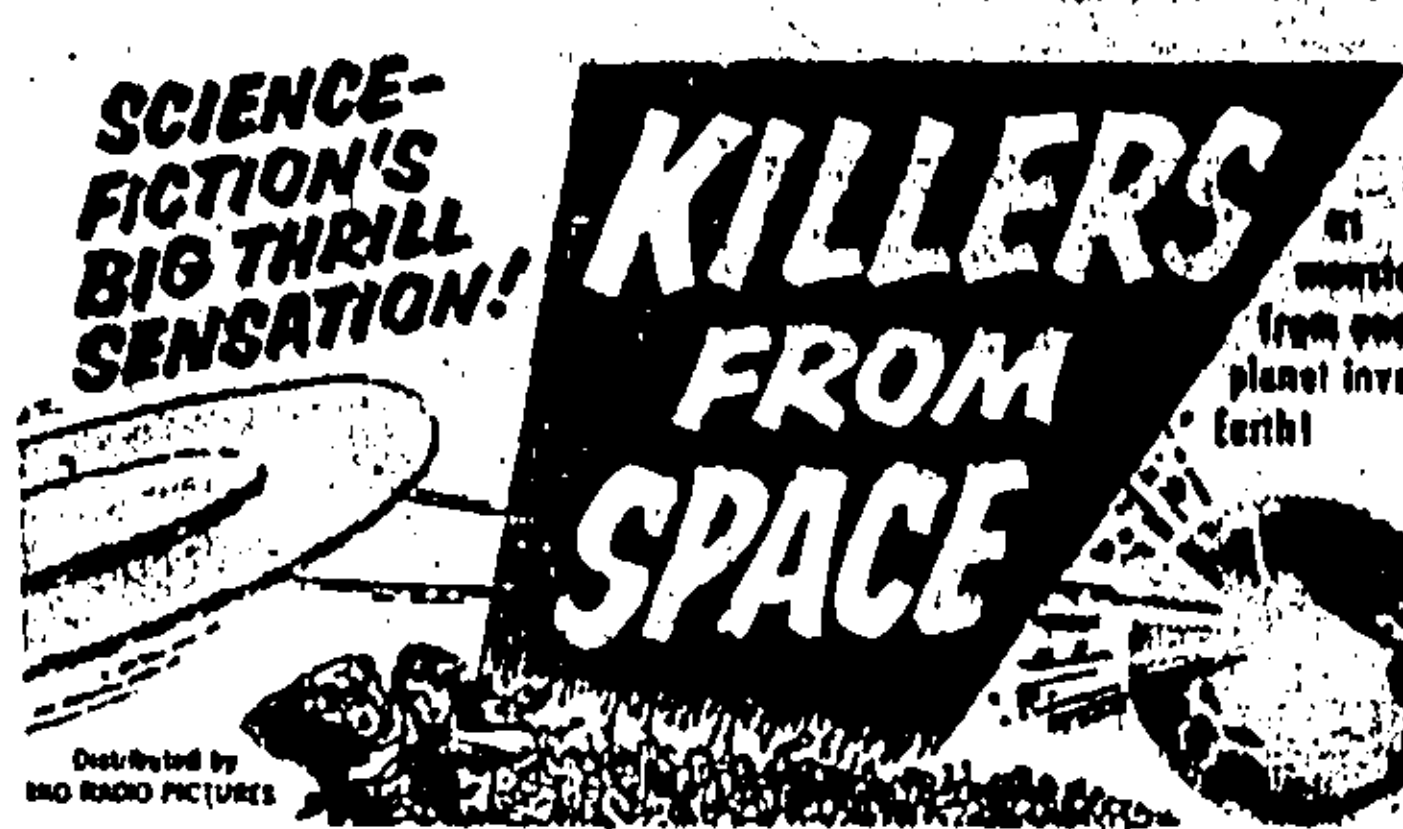
The dispute arose but of the rioting in the Lower House of the Diet on June 3 during a debate on the extension of the session.

The session was scheduled to end at midnight on June 3, when the speaker of the Lower House, Mr. Yasujiro Tsutsumi, attempted to enter the Chamber to proclaim the extension of the session, the Socialists, who are accused of starting the riot, prevented him from taking his Chair.

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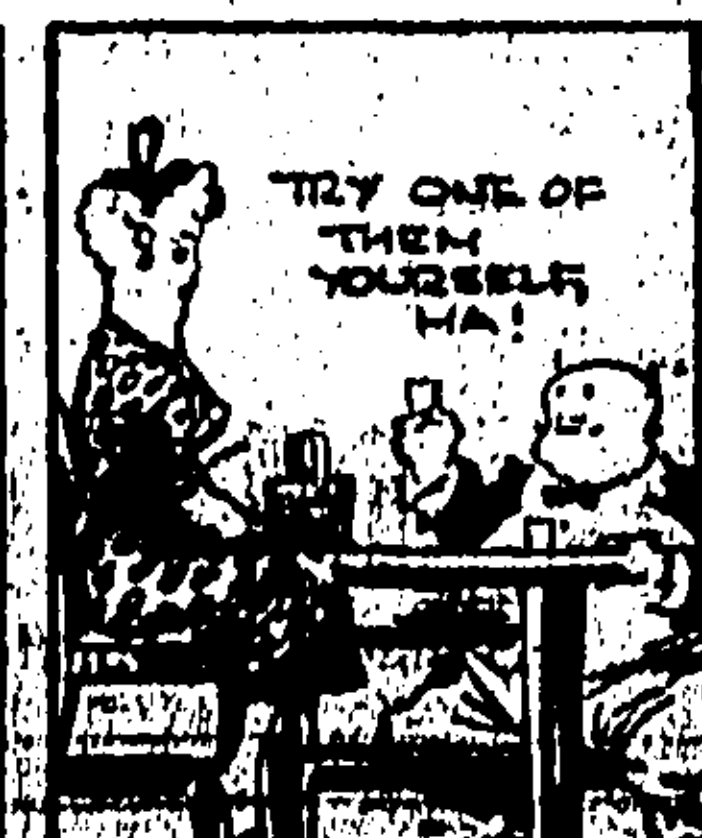
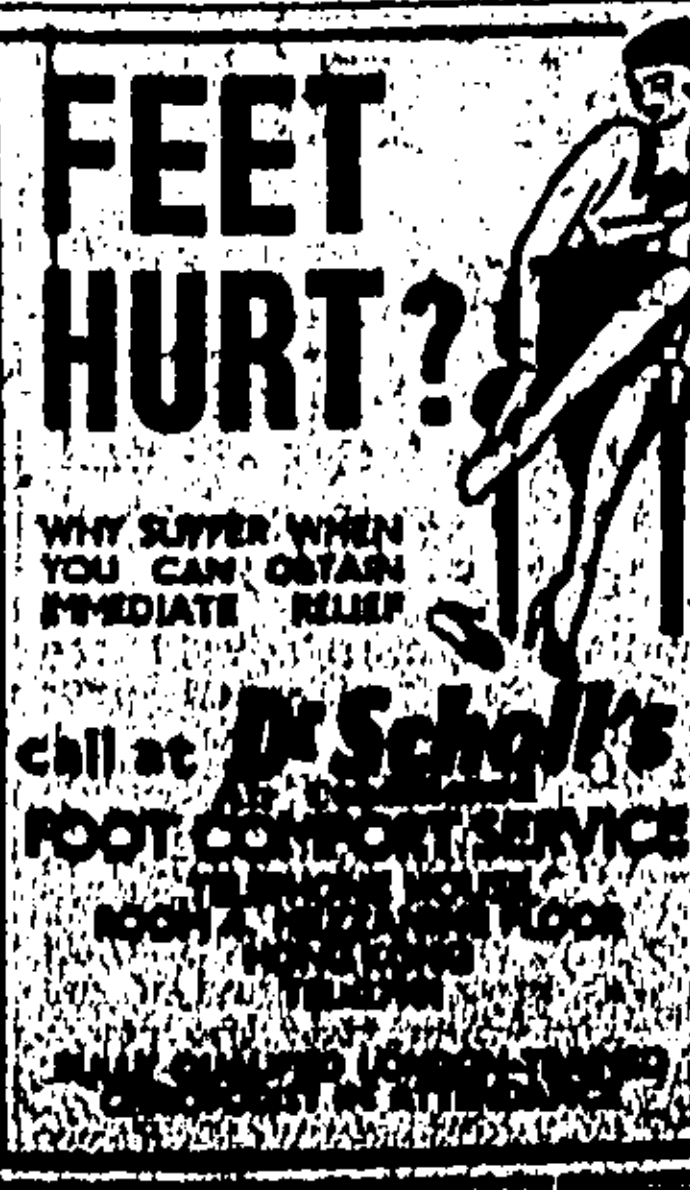
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He Came To In The Nick Of Time

Jodhpur, India, June 22.
An Indian farmer declared dead by a doctor came to life suddenly just as he was about to be put on the funeral pyre.
The farmer, Anupchand Kayasth, aged 55, had collapsed and by the time the doctor was called in, his pulse had stopped.
The funeral pyre was prepared, the body given its sacred bath and anointed with sandal paste and ash.
Then as the procession to the pyre was about to start, Kayasth's hands moved, his eyelids flickered and he sat up.—China Mail Special.

New Uses For Uranium Discovered

New York, June 22.
Two atomic scientists reported today that "satisfactory methods" have been developed for melting, casting and fabricating uranium.
They told the International Congress on nuclear engineering meeting at the University of Michigan that the radioactive metal has been found to machine reasonably well and can be welded and brazed.
H. A. Saller and F. A. Rough of the Battelle Memorial Institute, Columbus, Ohio, reported on the processing of uranium, the key metal in nuclear reactor work.
"Considerable progress has been made during the past 10 years in processing uranium from its ore into metal," the engineers said. "But there is even more to be accomplished in the years ahead."
Saller and Rough pointed out that uranium is the only naturally-occurring fissionable material and is an essential part of any nuclear reactor. Thus, they said, the metallurgy of uranium is basic to the whole atomic energy programme.
"Satisfactory methods have now been developed for melting, casting and fabricating uranium so that any number of fabricated shapes are now available," they reported.
"Uranium has been found to machine reasonably well and it can be welded and brazed. Electroplating, roll cladding or jacketing may be used to apply protective coatings."
The report was another in a series of 60 technical papers to be presented to the ICNE during its five-day meeting here which ends on Friday.
Delegates include representatives of 20 foreign countries.—United Press.

Geneva, June 22.
The month-old deadlock on the crucial question of international armistice control persisted in spite of a four-hour wrangle at the nine-nation Indo-China peace conference today.
Conference sources said today's meeting made no progress. It agreed provisionally to meet again on Thursday, but left the final decision to the conference's co-Chairmen, the Marquis of Reading (Britain) and Mr V. V. Kouznetsov, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, who is due back in Geneva from Moscow tomorrow.
They will meet on Thursday morning to discuss whether the conference should the same afternoon continue discussion of the armistice control problems or not.

Mr Kouznetsov is returning after a two-day visit to Moscow for consultations.

All the delegates were understood to have recounted in detail today the previous stands they had taken on the armistice control question. At the end of the session, East and West were divided as sharply as ever. The two salient points that emerged today were:

1. Russia's opposition to the French proposal for setting up a technical committee to examine the whole problem of armistice supervision, though China had last week favoured the establishment of such a committee.
The Soviet delegate said that Mr Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, had said last week that the conference should continue and therefore there was no need to set up a committee.

2. Russia's insistence that an international armistice supervisory commission should have no troops at its disposal.
This Soviet stand, conference sources said, was based on the present status of the four-member Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission in Korea which has no troops to assist it.
The general view on the Western side was that any progress on the armistice control problem during the coming weeks would be "painfully slow".—Reuter.

BEDELL SMITH TO REPORT

Washington, June 22.
President Dwight Eisenhower has summoned the leading members of both the congressional parties to hear a report tomorrow by the Deputy Secretary of State, Mr Walter Bedell Smith, on the progress of the Geneva conference.

Those to attend are mainly members of the Foreign Affairs Committee, the Armed Forces Budgetary Committee, and the Far Eastern Affairs Subcommittee. Questions are expected to be put regarding the Administration's intentions in Southeast Asia.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10 o'clock at the White House, and is expected to last for several hours. The usual Wednesday White House press conference has been put off in anticipation of a heavy meeting.

The general feeling is that congressional representatives will express doubts as to the advisability of continued American participation in the Geneva Asian conference, and that some groups will take the view that France should be given a chance to sort out the question of an Indo-China war solution itself.

KOREA STATEMENT

Then will come the problem of whether the United States should associate itself with what may be considered an unacceptable solution, informed sources said.

Observers pointed to the loss of leadership which a policy of disassociation with an Indo-China truce would imply for the United States. They questioned whether such a truce could be properly guaranteed by America. This point is likely to come up in the meeting tomorrow, the same sources stressed.

Mr Bedell Smith is expected to make a statement on Korea. Congressional circles admitted that the partition of that country was likely to be lasting, and an alternative solution difficult to find.
Certain congressional leaders are expected to urge economic and military aid for South Korea in order to speed up the reconstruction of the country.—France-Press.

"Grooming-up" For Adlai Stevenson



The former—and next Democratic Presidential Candidate—Adlai Stevenson is starting his new Senatorial campaign on behalf of his party, and as he wants to appear well-groomed, his first "whistle stop" was the barber's shop of the Terminal. The Democrats hope to regain their power in Congress this year and have started a full-scale campaign against the Republican Administration.—Express Photo.

The Navy Won The First V.C. 100 Years Ago

London, June 22.

One hundred years ago today, in the first year of the Crimean war, Her Majesty's ship Hecla opened fire on a Russian shore battery in the Baltic Sea.

The Russians fired back. A live shell with hissing fuse skidded on to the Hecla's deck and came to rest. A 20-year-old Irish mate lunged toward it, picked it up and threw it overboard. It hit the water and exploded.

Pearl Harbour Plotter Gets Big Post

Tokyo, June 23.

The man who master-minded Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbour in 1942 was named deputy chief of staff today for the new Japanese self-defence air force.

He is Lt. General Tetsuzo Shima, former Navy captain and air strategist, who directed the Pearl Harbour operation.

Japan's first post-war air force, an outgrowth of the national safety force, will be inaugurated as part of Japan's self-defence force on July 1.

Their top military leaders, who played important roles in Japan's Pacific island warfare during World War II, were named to other operational jobs in the new defence force.

Major General Kameji Inoue was appointed to the business bureau of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He is a former Army colonel and served as secretary for executed wartime Prime Minister Hiroki Tojo.

The appointments, made by the National Safety Agency, were approved by the Cabinet.—United Press.

US Tobacco Shares Fall

New York, June 22.

Tobacco shares on the New York Stock Exchange plunged today to their lowest levels so far this year—on new medical reports of a link between smoking and cancer and heart trouble.

American tobacco, the leading producer, dipped three dollars 50 cents (£1 5s).

The latest evidence of the effects of smoking was published by the American Cancer Society yesterday.

(See Full Report on Page 9)

Deserted Church Used Again After 590 Years

London, June 22.

A service was held last night in the Norman Church at Dode, 6 miles south of Gravesend for the first time since 1364 when the village was wiped out by bubonic plague.

All that remains of a once thriving community—known in the 14th century as the vineyard of Kent—is the flint wall Church standing in fields remote from any road.

Last night the Roman Catholic Bishop of Southwark, the Right Reverend Cyril Cawston, presided at the service. The church, dedicated to Our Lady of the Meadows, its original patron saint, is not known.
Hundreds of Roman Catholics from surrounding towns travelled to the Church to hear the Bishop celebrate mass.

As the tiny church holds less than 100, loudspeakers relayed the service to those outside.

The Church, restored by a Gravesend Roman Catholic at the beginning of this century, will in future be a shrine and place of pilgrimage. This year it was handed over to the Church of the English Martyrs at Strood, near Gravesend.—China Mail Special.

Pre-Marriage Courses By The Vicar

Leicester, June 22.

The Reverend L. J. Gillespie, vicar of the Holy Apostle church, has just completed the first year of his courses for courting couples.

"And so far none of my 'students' have failed to make a go of their marriages," he said.
Over 200 men and women have come to his vicarage for the four-week course designed to reveal—and counter—the snags which may ruin marriages.

The course is divided into four: first lesson, debunks the cynical approach to marriage; the second rehearses the wedding ceremony; the third gives hints on the family budget; and the last tells how to handle in-laws—and the "other person" who might come between husband and wife.—China Mail Special.

Schwarzach, West Germany, June 22.

A young farmworker came to the registrar here to get married without bringing his bride.
He told an official that he had a girl whom he liked very much but she did not come with him because they wanted to save money. He was sent to fetch her.—China Mail Special.

From Russian Guns

Among the wearers of the Cross have been 329 from the Commonwealth outside the United Kingdom. The bronze cross, cast from Russian guns seized in the siege of Sebastopol, has been awarded regardless of race, colour, religion or rank since the first investiture parade before Queen Victoria in Hyde Park at the beginning of 1857.

It has been worn by men of all classes—a specialist in surgery, an expert on malaria, a poet, a news-vendor, a street sweeper and an officer of the Salvation Army. Among living persons, its wearers include clergymen, judges, magistrates and members of Parliament.
The youngest winner was a boy seaman, John Jeavers from Cornwall who was 16 years old when he stood by his gun awaiting orders in the battle of Rutland although he was mortally wounded and the rest of the crew lay dead.

Father and Son

There have been two cases of father and son winning the V. C. and four pairs of V. C. brothers.

Distribution of the 1,347 medals since 1857 has been: Britain—Army 864; Navy and Marines 118; Air Force 81; Civilians 41.

Australia: 87.
Indian Army: 111.
Canada: 79.
South Africa: 28.
New Zealand: 21.
Newfoundland: 1.

King's African Rifles: 1.
United States: (unknown soldier of World War I).

Britain's highest award for heroism was suggested in a war correspondent's despatch from the Crimean front to the London Times.

Royal warrants have changed the nature of the award to allow posthumous decorations.

Eighty-three of those in World War II were posthumous and 97 to heroes who survived.—China Mail Special.

Berlin: The Smugglers' Paradise

Berlin, June 22.

West Berlin Customs police are clamouring for small arms to fight more effectively the well-armed racketeers who have turned Berlin into a smugglers' paradise.

At present, the force of 1,800 men, mostly former regular soldiers, who guard the 165 kilometres (about 100 miles) long West Berlin border, have no arms.

Although they are equipped with radio cars and well-trained dogs to seek out the smugglers, they have only courage and the art of self-defence with which to fight cunning gangsters who have the terrain in their favour and, sometimes, support from the East German authorities.

A large part of the border runs through the heart of the city, the East-West sector boundary. It consists of hundreds of streets, back alleys and bombed sites which offer excellent cover for the smuggler.

"You cannot fight such men with smooth talk or documents in a city where smuggling is very profitable and political crimes of violence are an everyday affair," Herr Steinecke, Chief of the Customs Police said.

The smuggling is concentrated on cameras, field glasses, typewriters and precision instruments made in East Germany.

MARKS NEEDED

Herr Steinecke said these were often brought across to West Berlin with the connivance of the East German authorities, because they were easy to sell and brought the East Germany's exchequer Western marks badly needed to finance trade with West Germany as well as Communist propaganda activities.

But the professional smugglers have every inducement to carry on their activities, even without official East German help, for they can be sure in most cases of profits up to 300 per cent. Most of the goods can be sold in the West for the Western mark equivalent of the East mark price, though the Western mark is worth more than four times the East mark.
Coffee, highly taxed in the West, is one profitable smuggling line. According to Herr Steinecke, East German border police have been known to help smugglers to hoist sacks of coffee on to their shoulders.

The West Berlin Customs know several warehouses in East Berlin used by the smugglers as storage centres. Some years ago, the Customs authorities posted agents near the warehouses to raise the alarm when a consignment was on its way. Today, this is no longer possible because East-West telephone lines were cut nearly two years ago and the agents can now no longer

LEADERS KNOWN

The leaders of the racket are now known, but it is suspected that they live in villas on both sides of the sector boundary.

There is another kind of smuggling in Berlin, which is regarded lightly by the West Berlin Customs, though not by the East German authorities. In this case, the smugglers are East German farmers and allotment holders trying to sell their produce in West Berlin at four times the price they would get for it in East Germany.

Individual amounts are small, but the total is thought to be enormous. Herr Steinecke estimated that about 100,000 eggs are brought across the border every day of the year. Asparagus, strawberries, tomatoes and other produce come over by the ton every day in hundreds of handbags and rucksacks.

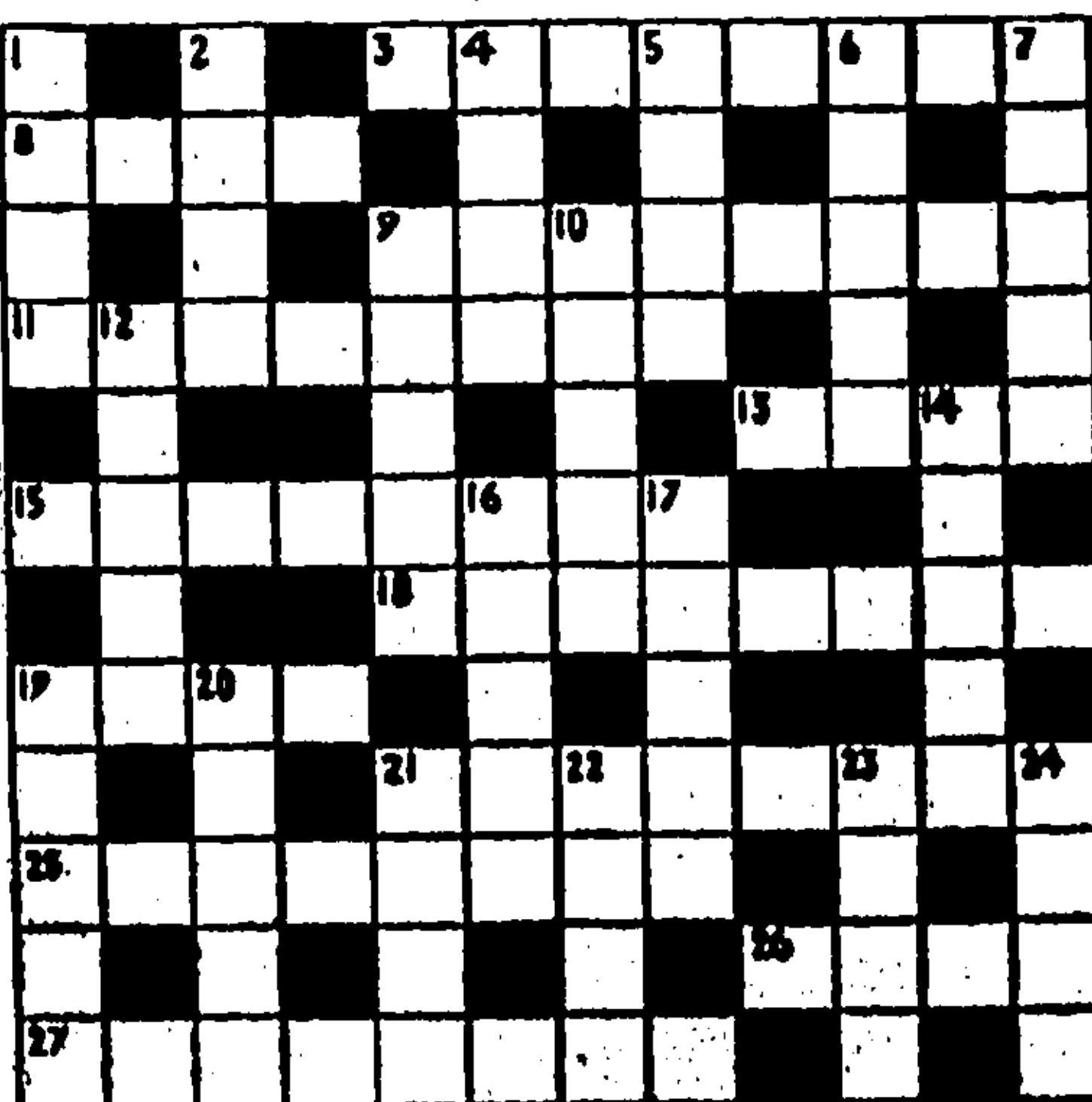
The West Berlin Customs leave the "small fry" of these smugglers alone, but the East German state punishes them with up to five years imprisonment for "economic sabotage".—China Mail Special.

Sparrow Kills A Rat

Tortosa, Spain, June 22.

A sparrow killed a rat in a fight watched by a Tortosa street by a great crowd of people.
The rat was attacked when it jumped from a lorry loaded with rice. The bird swooped down on it and for five minutes they battled furiously until the rat fell dead. The sparrow flew away apparently unharmed.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Stopped (8).
 - Harvest (4).
 - Care of the hands (8).
 - Bullfighter (8).
 - Wagers (4).
 - Made up (8).
 - Bought back (8).
 - Advanced money (4).
 - Gave up (8).
 - Likens (8).
 - Sallate (4).
 - Forlorn (8).
- DOWN
- Courage (4).
 - Brace (4).
 - Peruse (4).
 - Eastern ruler (4).
 - Armistice (5).
 - Leas (5).
 - Army rank (5).
 - Famed (5).
 - Seaside air (5).
 - Subject (5).
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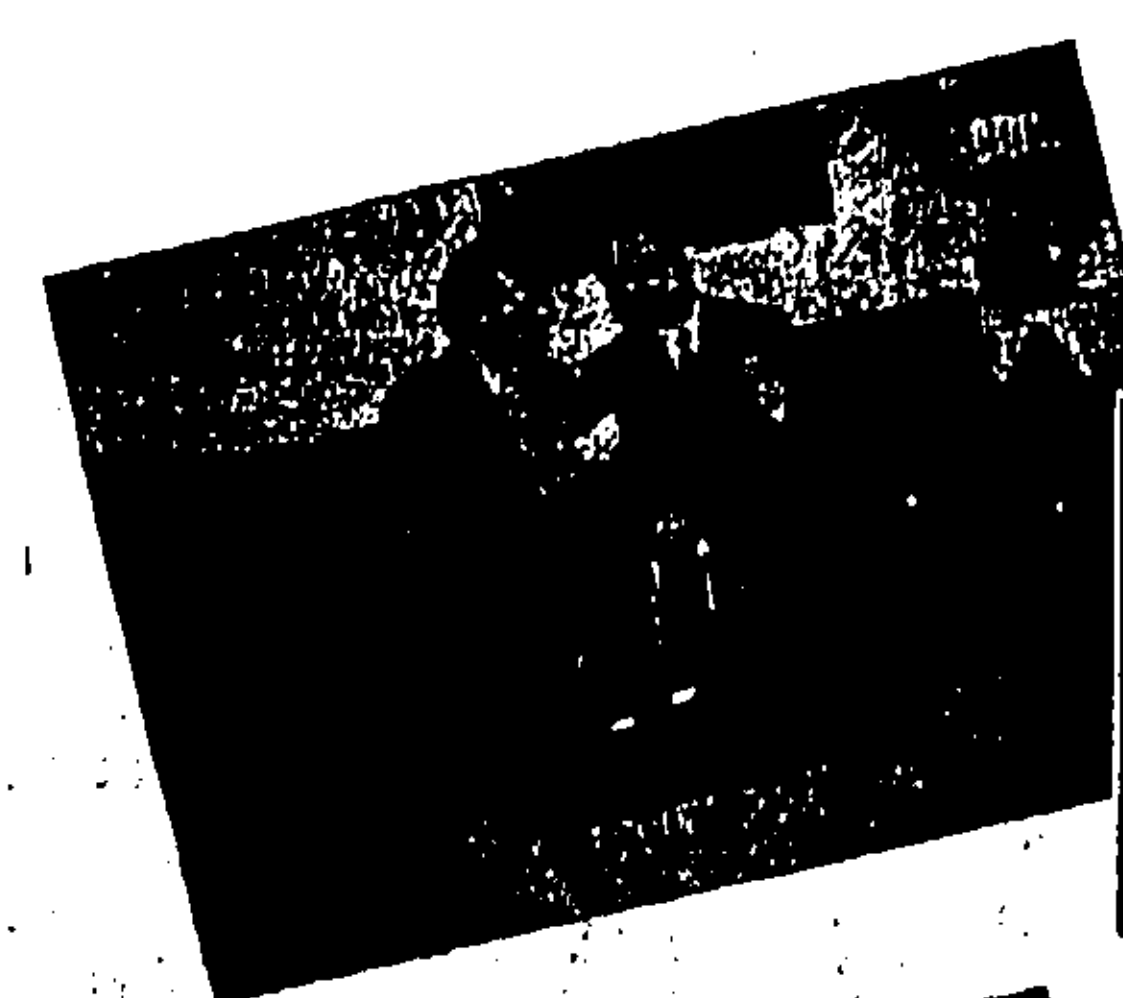
YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Chase, 4 Conco, 7 Intimate, 8 Depot, 9 Bullard, 11 Exonerate, 12 Centaur, 13 Talent, 14 Amato, 15 Unlikely, 20 Today, 21 Bonnet, Down: 1 Climax, 2 Sull, 3 Slender, 4 Credit, 5 Complete, 6 Abates, 10 Lingered, 13 Swales, 14 Cravat, 15 Unduly, 16 Liken, 17 Tryer.

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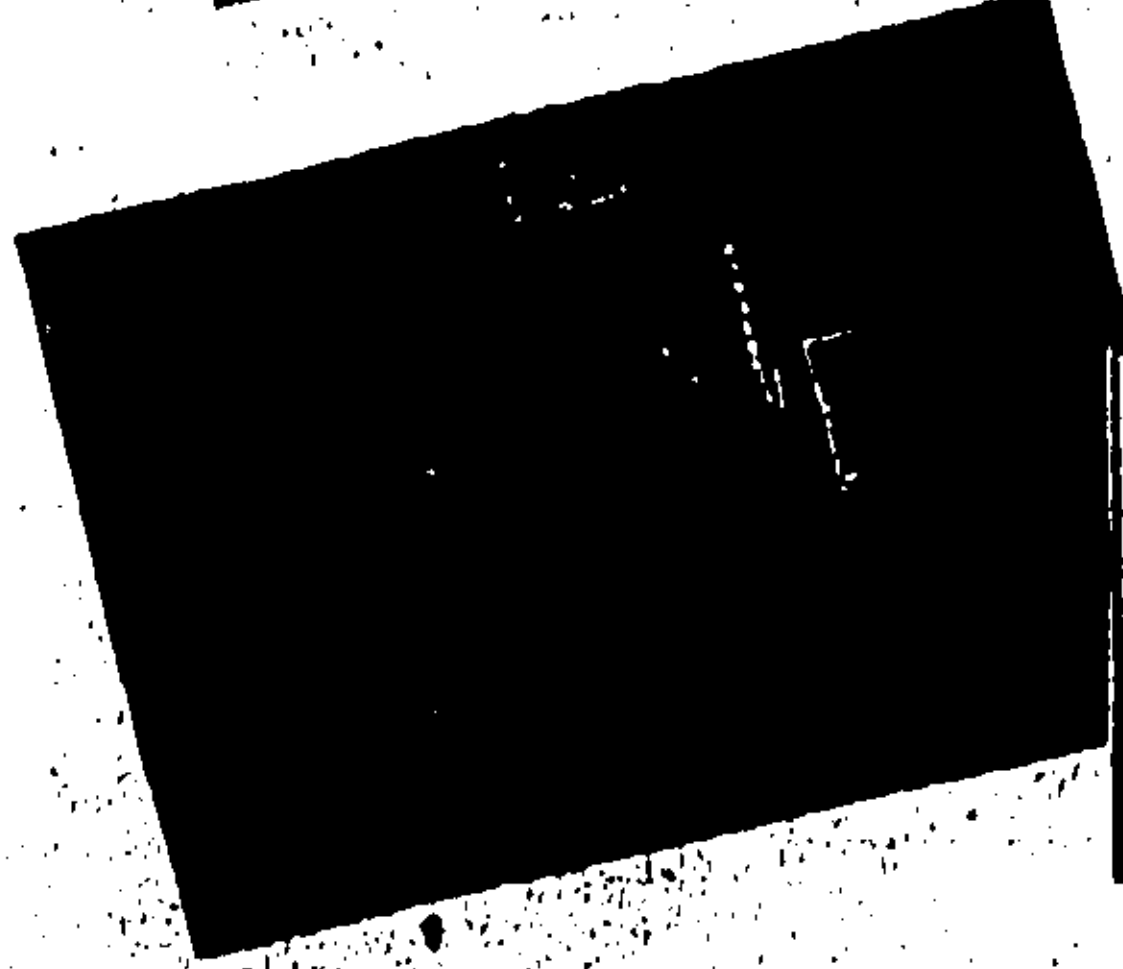
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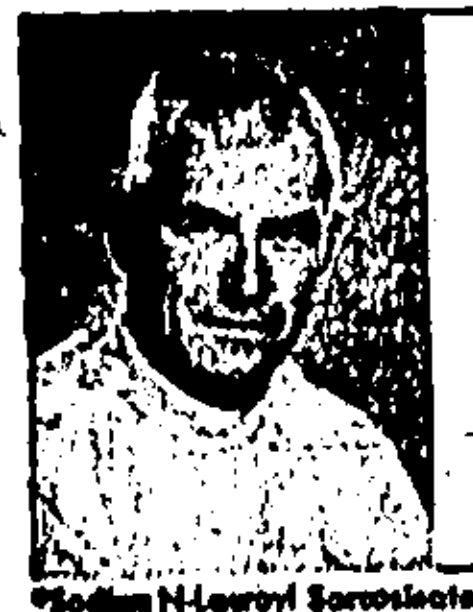
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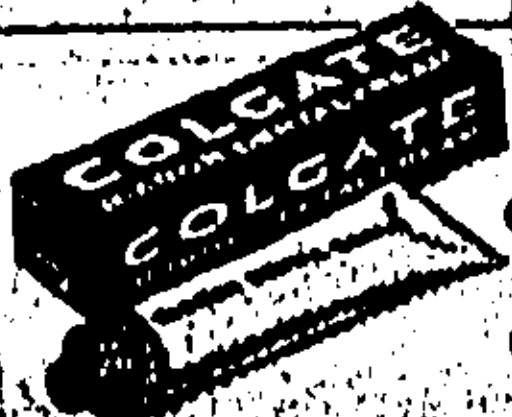
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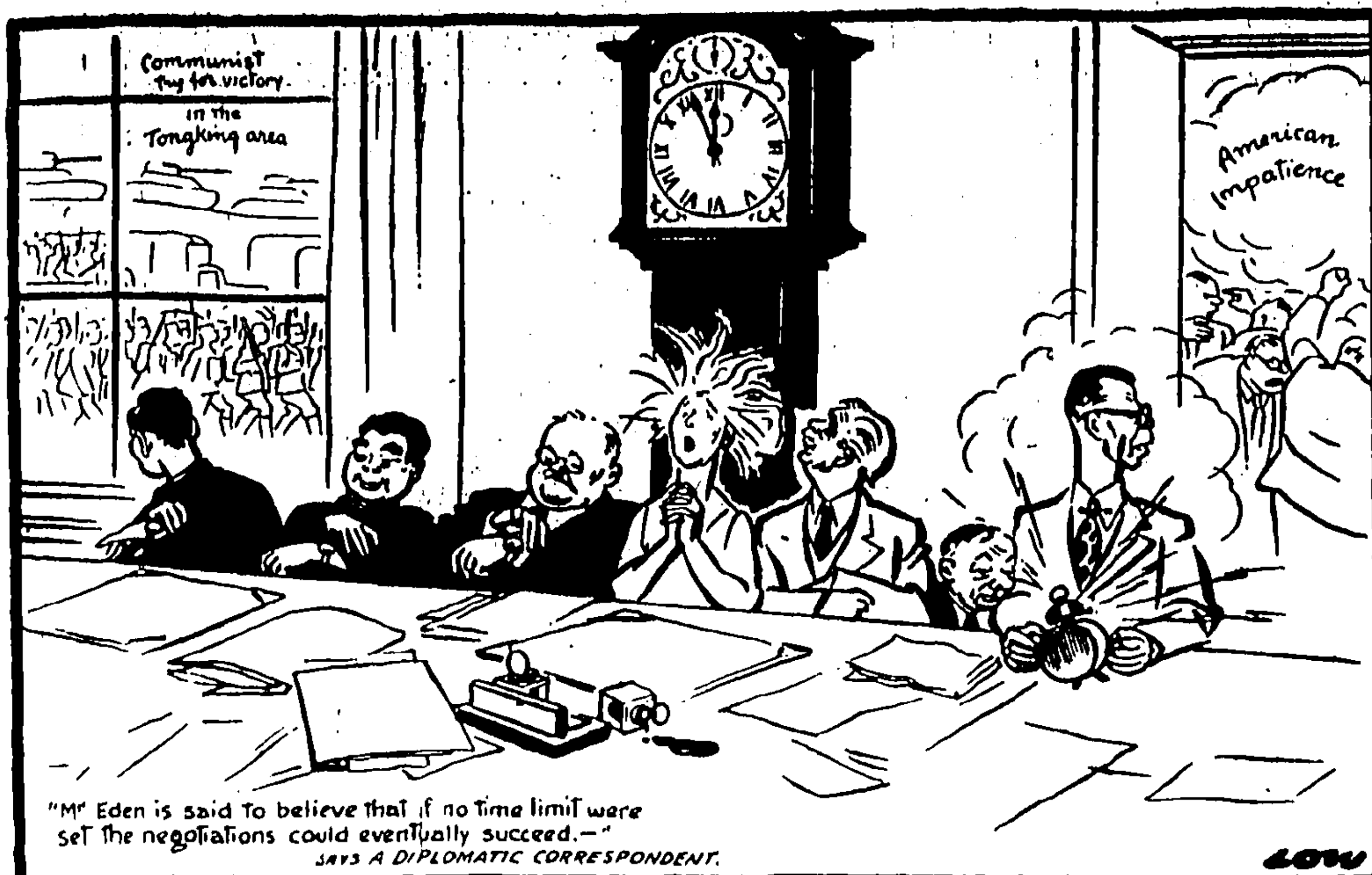
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NATHANIEL GUBBINS

SO far the Stock Exchange has not heard much of the activities of that other Cockney financier, London-born Nat Gubbins. This is because Gubbins has only just entered the arena where fortunes are won and lost, and shrewd chaps in the know can acquire tax-free money without working for it.

As Gubbins sincerely believes that work of any kind is the curse of Adam, and that only the devil himself denies us the paradise of complete idleness, he thought the gates of his kind of heaven might be opened in Throgmorton Street.

So he sought the advice of stockbrokers and was amazed at their eagerness to help, though not so amazed when he discovered for the first time what they charged for their services. Terrified at the beginning to invest in anything that was not safe, he started with timid purchases of gilt-edged securities. As they didn't crash within a week, as he fully expected, his confidence grew. He tried a tiny gamble in what are called "industrial."

When he mentioned it as a gamble the stockbrokers were highly amused because their idea of a gamble is investing £100,000 in an unknown diamond mine. But to Gubbins they were a gamble because they were the kind of shares that go up and down in value according to the news and people's habits and tastes.

The day after Gubbins bought the shares an exciting thing happened. They increased in value by 3d. The next day they leaped by another 3d. to 6d. When they jumped a shilling Gubbins saw himself as a financial genius. He began to read City columns for the first time, not understanding a word he read. Perhaps he was cleverer than he thought? Perhaps he had the touch that makes a fortune overnight?

It was when the shares increased in value by 2s. 9d. that

his life partner, the Plucky Little Woman, had visions of a villa in Nassau. She thought of herself lying in the sunshine all next winter while Gubbins, now a great industrialist, sprawled like a half-cooked seal beside her, barking orders at a cowering secretary.

"What have I made this morning, Lickspittle?"

"Just under a million, sir."

"Why under a million, Lickspittle? I usually make over a million."

"I don't know, sir."

"Well, I do. It's because they're not working hard enough in my London office. Fire the lot, Lickspittle."

"The lot, sir?"

"I said the lot, Lickspittle. Hurry, hurry, hurry. Bustle, bustle. And fire yourself for not hearing the first time."

The next day the shares dropped 1½d. Gubbins felt too sick with fright to eat breakfast. The day after they dropped 3d., then another 3d., and another, and the vision of Nassau faded.

At the time of writing they are back to their original price and Gubbins, the humbled financial wizard, reduced 3d. by 3d. to a nervous wreck, is thinking of selling them before they go any lower and buying National Savings Certificates.

Holiday Discussion

IN this merry month when there is usually snow on high ground and low ground and often down the back of your neck, when wild winds blow and migratory birds, shivering in the trees, earnestly tell each other that they will never come here again, Gubbins and the Plucky Little Woman discuss holidays.

The P.L.W. always wants to go abroad. Gubbins always wants to stay in England. The P.L.W. is adventurous; Gubbins is not. The P.L.W. loves travel; Gubbins hates it. The P.L.W.

is clever, or very lucky, with foreign money, always getting the right change (when lucky, more) and giving sensible tips. Gubbins, who can't count change in his own currency, is followed abroad by either meers or a stream of insults according to whether he has tipped far too much or innocently given nothing at all.

There is also the question of weather.

If the P.L.W. takes a separate holiday, the sun shines upon her. The wind veers from East to South. If she takes a holiday with Gubbins she travels under his private cloud which has followed him all over Britain, to France, Italy, round the Mediterranean and to the United States where he became known as The Rain Maker.

She would also have to endure his East Wind, which pursues him like a living enemy, like a guided missile with his name and address on it, determined to find him wherever he may be.

In The Sea Nest, which fortunately sways and rocks in the wind without falling down, like the Empire State Building in New York, the easterly gale forces its way through windows and walls and gets him while he is in bed, playing havoc with his inside and making him more irritable than usual.

There is also the question of time.

The impulsive P.L.W., who hates to wait for anything, likes her holidays in May. She likes the spring flowers, the song of mating birds, and the seaside places before the terrible tourists swarm over them.

But May is the month when Gubbins is hit by gout. On any morning in May (usually his birthday) his big toe swells suddenly to twice its normal size and he spends most of his holiday groaning in bed and cursing anybody who moves.

June? In June Gubbins is free of gout, but the P.L.W. is hit by hay fever. A holiday in June means that the P.L.W. will spend it hot, unhappy and red-eyed and sneezing non-stop behind a handkerchief.

As neither of us likes holidays in July, August, and September, because in these months the terrible tourists are swarming in earnest with their screaming children and yapping dogs, only the autumn and winter remain.

The P.L.W. prepared to wait for once, and she would settle for an autumn or winter cruise. But when Gubbins, after studying world events, said there might not be an autumn or winter for anybody, she thought May might do whether Gubbins had gout or not.

Vot Diss Iss?

TWO items of news, "Germany with first-class native cooking is rapidly becoming the culinary rival of France on the Continent" and "Many foreign chefs and their wives visit England to study English cooking to be ready for insular tourists," make you wonder about the reactions of Herr Hans Schmidt (chef) and Frau Schmidt if they were reading a speech for Hans, Hamburg published in an evening newspaper last week.

Two ounces of der dripping der meat, yes. You must der der four ounces of der porridge der take.

BRITAIN'S NEW DESERT ISLAND RESIDENCY

From KENNETH MACAULAY

Bahrain, Persian Gulf. ON a desert island set in the hot, shallow waters of the Persian Gulf, Britain is building a \$500,000 headquarters from which to administer 1,000 miles of equally desert coastline.

The island, 34 miles long and ten miles wide, is still raided by pirates, and its coastal waters fished by Arab divers for pearls.

The headquarters site at Jafair, facing the sea, on the most northeasterly point of Bahrain, is superb. And successful attempts are being made to grow palms to give shade, and shrubs to give green relief, to the sun's steely glare.

The only "cool" breeze in this blistering climate, which can rise from 112 to 125 degrees in the shade in a couple of hours, comes from the north—and Jafair gets it first.

The principal building is the home of the Political Resident, Mr. B. A. B. Burrows.

Box-Shaped

This Residency consists of two single-storey, box-shaped buildings, roofed with corrugated asbestos, but with no architectural decoration. Between them is a flat-roofed bungalow structure containing the principal drawing room and dining room. Certainly, the buildings are not imposing.

Other houses, still under construction, are built in similar style, but with only one "box" attached to the main bungalow.

The interior of the Residency, however, is furnished with fine English carpets of modern design near-

ly covering the patterned parquet floors. The electrical fittings are modernistic. Rich thick curtains cover the windows to keep the heat out, and keep in the chilled air from the central air conditioning plant.

The whole effect inside is worthy of an ambassador's residence. And Mr. Burrows has the rank. If not the title, of an ambassador. He is responsible for the external affairs of one Sultan, an uncountable number of sheikhs and 900,000 people. These include 18,000 Britons, Americans, Pakistanis and Indians, most of whom are employed in the world's largest single oilfield in Kuwait and in the lesser field in Bahrain Island.

His Staff

Also, the Political Resident—his title is a relic of the days of the British Raj in India—has an ambassador-size staff. Under him are First, Second and Third Secretaries, economic and financial advisers, a military officer and a medical officer. He has twelve British typists and clerical staff as well as locally-recruited drivers, messengers and guards.

On the "non-diplomatic" side there is a Political Agent, corresponding in rank with a consul-general. Three other Britons complete the consular staff, with offices in a large white two-storey building in the heart of Bahrain Town.

Four other Political Agents maintain consulate establishments in Kuwait, Qatar, the Trucial States and in the Sultanate of Muscat.

Besides the Jafair Residency, the new compound, when completed, will comprise two smaller houses, a block of flats for the staff and office buildings. There is a power house in case the town electricity supply should fail, as well as the air conditioner which will supply the compound by underground pipes from a central source.

The Resident's former headquarters in Bahrain were taken over from the Royal Navy when Bushire, Persia, was abandoned in 1946 as British H. Q. on the Gulf.

But even then, the building was almost a ruin. Once the dining room ceiling fell down a moment after the former Political Agent rose from breakfast.

OLD MASTER MARX treats ALL CHILDREN (cigar-smokers and non-smokers) to a poker-face piece

GROUCHO'S Bed-time Story

"TELL ME, Groucho," said Reporter DAVID LEWIN to the Prince of the Poker Face, the Doyen of the Deadpan—"tell me, what sort of bedtime stories do you tell your little girl Melinda?" GROUCHO MARX, now sampling London's weather for the first time in 25 years, pondered; and told GROUCHO'S BEDTIME STORY. Here it is...

ONCE upon a time in New York there was a little boy called Tommy. Now, Tommy's parents were very poor. They were so poor they often had nothing to eat. One day they were all very hungry and Tommy decided he would go out and try to find something to eat. He went into the streets of New York, hoping that something would happen to bring him luck. Then he saw a little girl crossing the road, and there was a car coming straight at her. Tommy made up his mind in a flash and dashed into the road to save the little girl.

He took her to the pavement and the little girl's nurse said: "You have saved her life. Her father will be very grateful. He is also very rich. You had better come home with us because he will want to reward you." So Tommy went home with the little girl and her nurse. The nurse told the father what had happened and the father was very grateful indeed. Tommy, he said, "I shall reward you. I shall give you THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS."

"Oh, thank you!" said Tommy. "Now I can go and buy food for my mummy and daddy." "What?" said the rich man. "Very hungry," said Tommy. "And so am I." So the father ordered his butler to bring in cakes and a glass of milk for Tommy. Tommy ate all the cakes and drank the milk and

he felt much better. Then he started to go home and the rich man said: "Here is your reward, Tommy. TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS." The rich man had reconsidered. That was the end of the story. Lewin said to Groucho: "And how old is Melinda who hears that as a bedtime story?" "Eight," said Groucho. "She has to find out these things sometime."



HARRY HOPMAN CALLS IP AND TSAI A "FINE DOUBLES PAIR"

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, June 22.

What a fine doubles pair are Ip and Tsai! Who says so? None other than "Mr Tennis" himself, Australia's Harry Hopman. Hopman knows what he is talking about. As Australia's tennis boss he has put his country on the top of the tennis world — four successive Davis Cup victories are the result of his leadership.

Ladies' Day At Wimbledon

Wimbledon, June 22.

Summer dresses were more in evidence for "Ladies Day" at Wimbledon today.

Among the newcomers to Wimbledon was Miss Sachiko Kamo, the Japanese Champion, who beat Mrs. H. Strecker of Austria, 6-3, 7-5.

Although guilty of overhitting on many occasions, Miss Kamo was never in any real danger. Wearing a white jockey cap, she soon established herself as a favourite with the crowd, and she produced some delightful shots, particularly to her opponent's backhand, which drew generous applause.

Miss Kamo's general court craft was superior and she hit with far greater power than Mrs. Strecker. It was mostly baseline play with Miss Kamo holding control and killing every lob which Mrs. Strecker sent up.

The overwhelming supremacy of the United States women players was emphasised today when, in little more than half an hour, their top four had swept aside three Britons and a South African.

In the second round matches, Miss Maureen Connolly, winner for the past two years, beat South African's Joan Scott 6-0, 6-3. Miss Doris Hart, former winner and twice runner-up, beat Miss Georgie Woodgate 6-1, 6-1, and Mrs. Margaret Du Pont, winner in 1947, beat Miss V. S. White 6-1 and 6-0. They all received byes in the first round.

Miss Louise Brough, three times winner of the title, beat Mrs. D. W. Golla, 6-1 and 6-1 in a first round match.

Another new personality was Melita Ramirez of Mexico, who beat Miss E. Ruffie (Australia) 6-2 and 6-0 in the first round.

All the seeded players got through safely. Miss Shirley Fry, another of the formidable American contingent, beat Mrs. L. Alvensleben, Switzerland, 6-4 and 6-4, and Miss Angela Mortimer (Britain) beat Mrs. R. W. Tane (Britain) 6-0, 6-1 in the first round matches.

Britain's other seeded player, Miss Helen Fletcher, had a terrific tussle before winning 6-3, 5-7 and 6-3 from her second game against Mrs. Hanna Sladek, the Canadian Champion. Mrs. Sladek, 25, a self-exiled Czech, saved three match points before going down. Miss Sladek and her husband, now a Montreal shipping clerk, escaped to Canada from Czechoslovakia via the Russian zone of Germany when her husband, a member of the anti-Communist resistance, was warned of impending arrest.

OTHER RESULTS

Other results of the women's singles were:

First Round
Miss A. Shillecock (Britain) beat Miss A. Blisse (South Africa) 7-5, 6-3.

Miss E. Lehmann (Argentina) beat Mrs. A. Coessens, Belgium, 6-2, 6-3.

Mrs. Dorothy Levine (U.S.) beat Mr. R. B. Wilson (Britain) 6-4, 6-0.

Mrs. B. Lewis (U.S.) beat Mrs. J. Quelch (Britain) 6-1, 6-3.

Mrs. N. Migliori (Italy) beat Mrs. H. Praczukowski (Japan) 6-4, 6-0.

Miss M. Ramirez (Mexico) beat Miss E. Ruffin (Australia) 6-2, 6-0.

Miss A. Mortimer (Britain) beat Mrs. R. Stone (Britain) 6-0, 6-1.

Miss J. Robson (New Zealand) beat Mrs. J. Helman (U.S.) 6-0, 6-0.

Mrs. B. Pratt (U.S.) beat Mrs. J. de Riba (Spain) 6-1, 6-2.

Mrs. N. Adamson (France) beat Miss G. Rhodes (Britain) 6-1, 6-1.

Miss P. Curry (Britain) beat Miss E. Attwood (New Zealand) 6-3 and 6-2.

Miss G. Hoehling (Britain) beat S. Lazzarino (Italy) 6-1 and 6-1.

Miss P. Ward (Britain) beat Mrs. C. Moeller (Britain) 6-1 and 6-1.

Mrs. J. Kornina (France) beat Mrs. J. Vogler (Germany) 6-4 and 6-1.

Second Round
Miss Pat Harrison (Britain) beat Miss Mary Morris (U.S.) 6-2, 6-2.

Mrs. J. Roos (Netherlands) beat Mrs. Thelma Lister (Britain) 6-3, 6-3.

Mrs. Emily Rosenquest Pratt (U.S.) beat Miss Josefa de Riba (Spain) 6-1, 6-2.

Mrs. Nellie Adamson (France) beat Mrs. J. Kornina (France) 6-4 and 6-1.

He was also the man behind the sensational rise of those two great youngsters, Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall.

Hopman spoke those words to me this afternoon. They came from the heart. Partnered by Belgium's Geelhand, he had just been beaten 6-2, 6-4, 7-5 by the Hongkong pair.

No longer in their tennis prime, Hopman and Geelhand are yet a formidable partnership. Both have a wide variety of shots. This afternoon they used every one of these shots.

Ip and Tsai, however, playing power tennis, were not to be denied. They smashed their way to victory in a game packed with thrills and good tennis.

Only once did they falter. In the third set, Ip dropped his service to allow Hopman and Geelhand to take a 4-2 lead.

But the Hongkong pair came back immediately. They broke through Geelhand's service and, holding their own, took the set 7-5.

What impressed Hopman about Ip's and Tsai's play was their return of the service. "They send the ball back so hard that there's not much advantage in having the service against them."

"LUCK OF THE DRAW"
He said that such is the luck of the draw that, having disposed of Hopman and his partner, Ip and Tsai go on to meet his two great proteges, Hoad and Rosewall, in the next round. The Australians are the reigning Doubles Champions.

"We couldn't have a tougher game but we are looking forward to it," said Ip.

They can take heart from Hopman's final words to me. "They will give the champions a good run for their money," he said.

On today's form he is right. Hopman's victory story was completed today by the singles victory of Miss G. Hoehling who beat Mrs. Miss Lazzarino, 6-1, 6-0.

As the score suggests, the match was a walkover for Miss Hoehling. Her well placed drives frequently had the Italian floundering.

Miss Lazzarino's one hope lay in the strong volleys and net play. None realised this better than Miss Hoehling who angled her shots so cleverly that her opponent was seldom allowed to come within reach of the net.

County Cricket Results

Results of County Cricket matches which ended today were:

Romford: Northamptonshire beat Essex by three wickets. Northamptonshire 322 (Trevor Bailey, right arm fast-medium, five for 73) and 223 for seven, (Barrick not out 100), Essex 226 for seven declared (Insole not out 82).

Tunbridge Wells: Kent 165 and 341 for nine declared (Pheby 113, Hearn 58), Sussex 304 for six declared and 177 for eight (Doggart 54, Parks 64).

At Lord's: Middlesex-Yorkshire match drawn. Yorkshire 400 (Lawson 107, Wilson 111, Young 107 for 95) and 175 for nine, Middlesex 430 (Robertson 125, Bennett 100, Wardle five for 117).

At Worcester: Worcestershire-Hampshire match drawn. Hampshire 304 and 103 for five declared, Worcestershire 296 and 181 for seven.

At the Oval: Surrey beat Cambridge University by an innings and 101 runs. Surrey 380 for four declared (Murray 380, Constable not out 104), Cambridge University 103 (Lander four for 28) and 178 (Lander four for 19).

At Hinchley: Warwickshire beat Leicestershire by 125 runs. Warwickshire 378 (Somers 125 and 123 (Watson five for 34), Leicestershire 297 and 80 (Hollis five for 18).

At Bath: Lancashire beat Somerset by 117 runs. Lancashire 238 and 171 for seven declared (Somers 125 and 119 (Angell 50, Statham four for 24)).

At Cardiff: Derbyshire beat Glamorgan by five runs. Derbyshire 189 and 106, Glamorgan 85 and 375 (Hodges 103, Jones 104, Glavin six for 114).

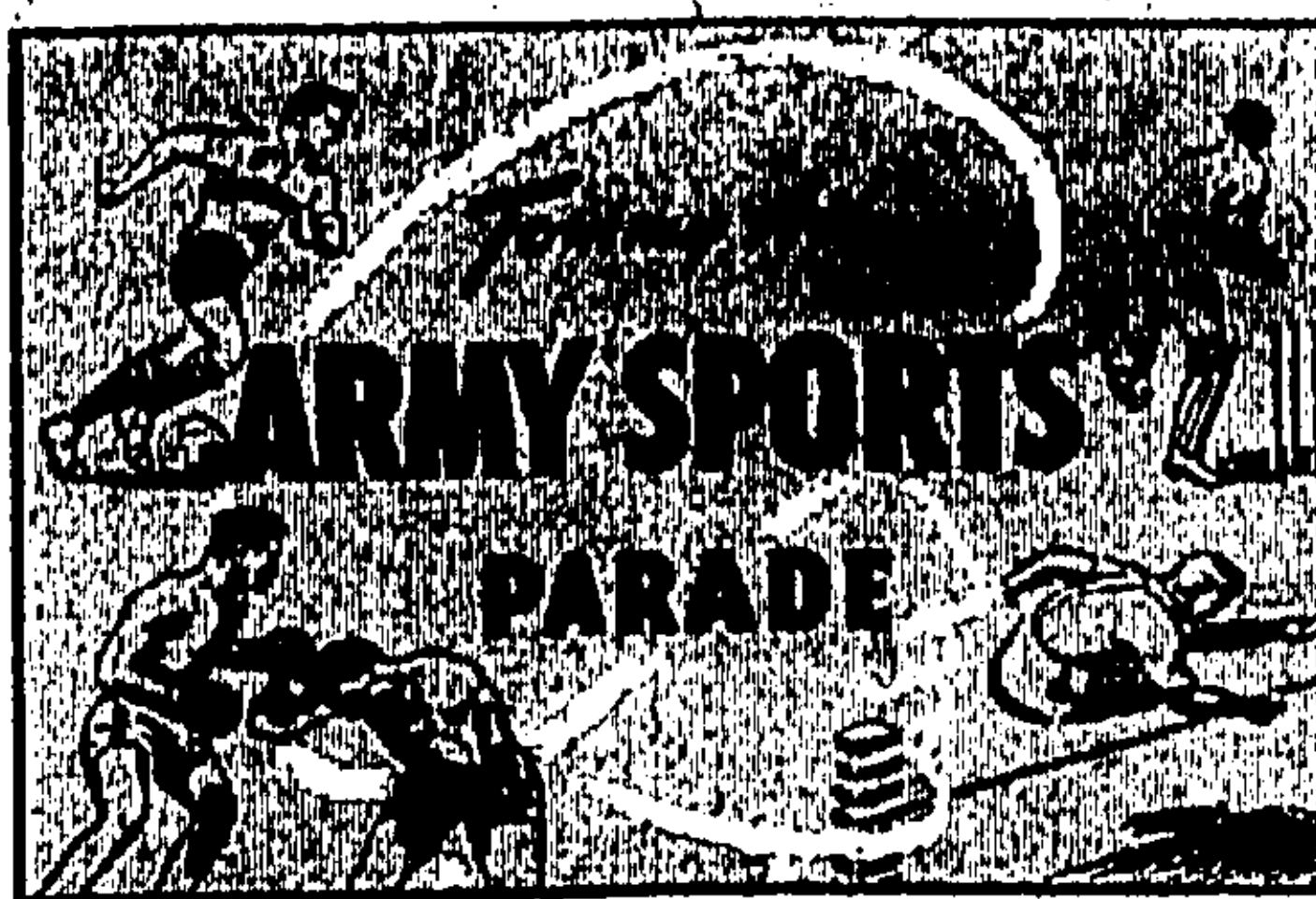
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The allocation of the spot of honour at the top of the Sports Parade this week set me a real poser. For the very first time since the column was started a lady fills the top spot and I have been searching far and wide for someone who can tell me the female equivalent of "Tommy Atkins".

However in spite of all my searching I did not find the answer but that does not prevent us welcoming Miss Calverley of the WRAC to lead our parade. This young lady has already received a lot of publicity for turning out for 'Signals' in the HQLF 6-a-side hockey match against A/Q Branch.

To those folks who have never seen one of these tough, hard-nosed encounters, Miss Calverley's deed may mean very little, but those who have seen a few of them will appreciate in one of them have a full appreciation of her sporting action.

Well done young lady, but maybe after all the trouble you have caused me you will be good enough to suggest a suitable female equivalent for "Tommy Atkins". In fact I'd like to hear from anyone who has a good idea on the subject.

NOV'S TIME
Calling aspiring football referees. Names are wanted NOW for the courses which are to be run to prepare young—and maybe not so young hopefuls for the job of officiating in next season's soccer matches.

The plan is to get the classes going as soon as possible and to hold the examinations in September so that the newcomers will be able to start next season as qualified officials.

The message I have received from the appropriate authority is "There's no time like the present—get your name submitted now to the SOFT at HQLF".

The suggestion put forward by Major A.C.A. Walker at the recent meeting of the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association that the Colony Championships should be the final event of the athletics season has been well received by athletes in the Army.

It seems to be the general opinion that the old arrangement tended to make it difficult for an athlete to plan his season as to be at his peak for the Championships. With the Colony titles now listed for competition at the concluding meeting of the season there should be no cause for complaint from those who train to a well planned schedule.

BURST OF ENTHUSIASM
The tremendous success which has attended the tour of the British Army football team in Germany has prompted many football fans in the U.K. to suggest that the eventual "salvation" — to use the term applied to the situation by one home writer — of British football may well lie along the lines employed by the Army.

The sudden burst of enthusiasm on the subject has arisen because during their tour the Army players have been meeting and easily defeating sides which have previously defeated, just as easily, touring League sides.

You may recall that some months ago in this column I reported that a prominent English manager had suggested that young professional players should be given expert coaching during their National service in the same way as other men are given assistance in the better of the Army.

It seemed for a time that this suggestion was not going to be pushed, but from recent comment in various sections of the British press it would seem many people have renewed their interest in the idea.

The success of the Army's side has been quite astonishing when one remembers the ages of the players. But with the desperation of winning points removed from their play they have developed along more natural lines and as a consequence they have acquired a polish that is absent from the play of many League teams.

Eight members of the present side are qualified to play for England, with two Welshmen and a Scot making up the side. It has already been suggested that England should keep the present eight together as the nucleus of a new national team.

Each public discussion is all for the good of Army soccer and, provided the authorities at home can be encouraged to post a fair number of these young professionals overseas to areas where they can be sure of getting plenty of competitive football, the Army and civilian football should benefit accordingly.

An important item of news for swimmers has just been received. According to the latest information from FARELF arrangements are going ahead for the holding of the Command Championships at Singapore, starting on September 1. Details of the various events and the general arrangements have not yet been received.

Congratulations to Major Ensign on his excellent shooting in the recent shoot at Kai Tak. His score of 97 was the best of the day.

17 GALAS LISTED
Some idea of the popularity of swimming in the Army in the Colony can be obtained from the fact that already 17 galas are listed to take place at the Victoria Barracks Swimming Pool during the next month or two. A still more imposing list is scheduled for the pool at Sek Kong.

The Welch Regt. held an interesting meeting at Sek Kong Pool on Monday when many people saw a new kind of aquatic event being staged. This was a one width walk for non-swimmers, and quite an event it was too.

It looks like 72 LAA Regt. RA is going to be as big a force in the Water Polo League this season as it turned out to be in our football affairs in the season just ended.

IDEA TAKING SHAPE
It is understood that an idea is taking shape locally that more of the bigger regiments and units should enter their sides in the leagues run by the Hongkong Football Association.

This was the general practice in pre-war days and while the circumstances are now very different there is a feeling that others might advantageously follow the lead of REME and RAMC and take part in the civilian competition.

There is no suggestion in this scheme that the present Army teams would be discontinued. The idea seems to be—and I am assured it is—only in the idea stage so far, and the Army would compete in the major competition as at present and would continue to have first call on ALL players, and that regimental teams would play in the junior division. This would certainly ensure that teams got plenty of games in a well organised competition, and of course have the chance of playing against the local sides.

And so back to referees... water polo this time... A class for referees and potential referees is being held by the SOFT at the Victoria Barracks Pool on Monday, June 28, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Although the afternoon is being devoted primarily to the need of the referee it is emphasised that anyone interested in the game of water polo will be made welcome.

Granger, the Army and Colony goalkeeper, is going to have plenty of competition for the first team place when he returns to York City in August.

The City have recently signed two goalkeepers who have had lots of experience as first line of defence. They are Forgan of Hull City and Walter Scott of Dunbarton.

Most Hongkong folks who have watched the Colony goalkeeper during the season will be surprised if he is not quickly in the first team... and in the headlines.

Would Suzanne Have Beaten "Little Mo"?

By ROY McKELVIE

Those who attend Wimbledon during the "fortnight," which opened on Monday, or watch the play on TV will have the chance of seeing the greatest-ever woman championship lawn tennis player—"Little Mo," Miss Maureen Connolly, aged 19, from San Diego, California, who has not been beaten in a major championship for nearly four years.

Like most people, I find it difficult to assess the present kings and queens of lawn tennis against those of the past; but when I write of "Little Mo" as the greatest of all I am giving the opinion of that great French player of pre-war days, Mme. Simone Mathieu, who won the Wimbledon doubles title three times.

In Paris recently Mme. Mathieu told me she thought that in a championship including such stars of the game as Miss Suzanne Lenglen, Mrs. Helen Wills-Moody, Miss Helen Jacobs, Miss Alice Marble, and Miss Connolly, the last-named would prove the winner.

"But," she added, "in a single match between Miss Connolly and Miss Lenglen I think Suzanne would be the winner." Miss Connolly is, barring accidents, a certainty for the women's title. She is more confident, more methodically ruthless than even the one As.

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Miss Doris Hart is still the darling of the British crowds. Watching her, you may detect that she is a little slower than before.

Watching them you may well be able to sense the feeling between the players of these two countries.

Several of the leading Australians—Lewis Hoad, Ken Rosewall, Mervyn Rose, and Rex Hartwig—dislike playing the two leading Americans, Victor Seixas, the present Wimbledon Champion, and Tony Trabert, Champion of the U.S. and France.

Seixas needles, or irritates, the Australians on and off court, and the Aussies are frightened of Trabert because, they say, he is a player who never quits.

If you like pure classic lawn tennis watch Trabert who I think, will win the Championship, and Rosewall.

The great thing about Trabert is that he is equally powerful off the ground and on the volley. He is not one of the modern serve-rush-volley performers.

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Even more classic is Rosewall, who did not play his best at Wimbledon last year. Here, I think you must agree, is sheer beauty of ground stroke, especially the backhand, played without fuss.

If you like the power game, then watch Hoad, Rose, and Seixas, who, with formidable serving and deadly volleys, cut short the rallies so that a five-set match becomes a staccato of high-powered shots and little else. Hoad is, perhaps, the one man who may beat Trabert, as he did in last year's Davis Cup challenge round.

Then there are the artists like Budge Patty and Art Larsen, two Americans whose games are very different, but give great pleasure to watchers.

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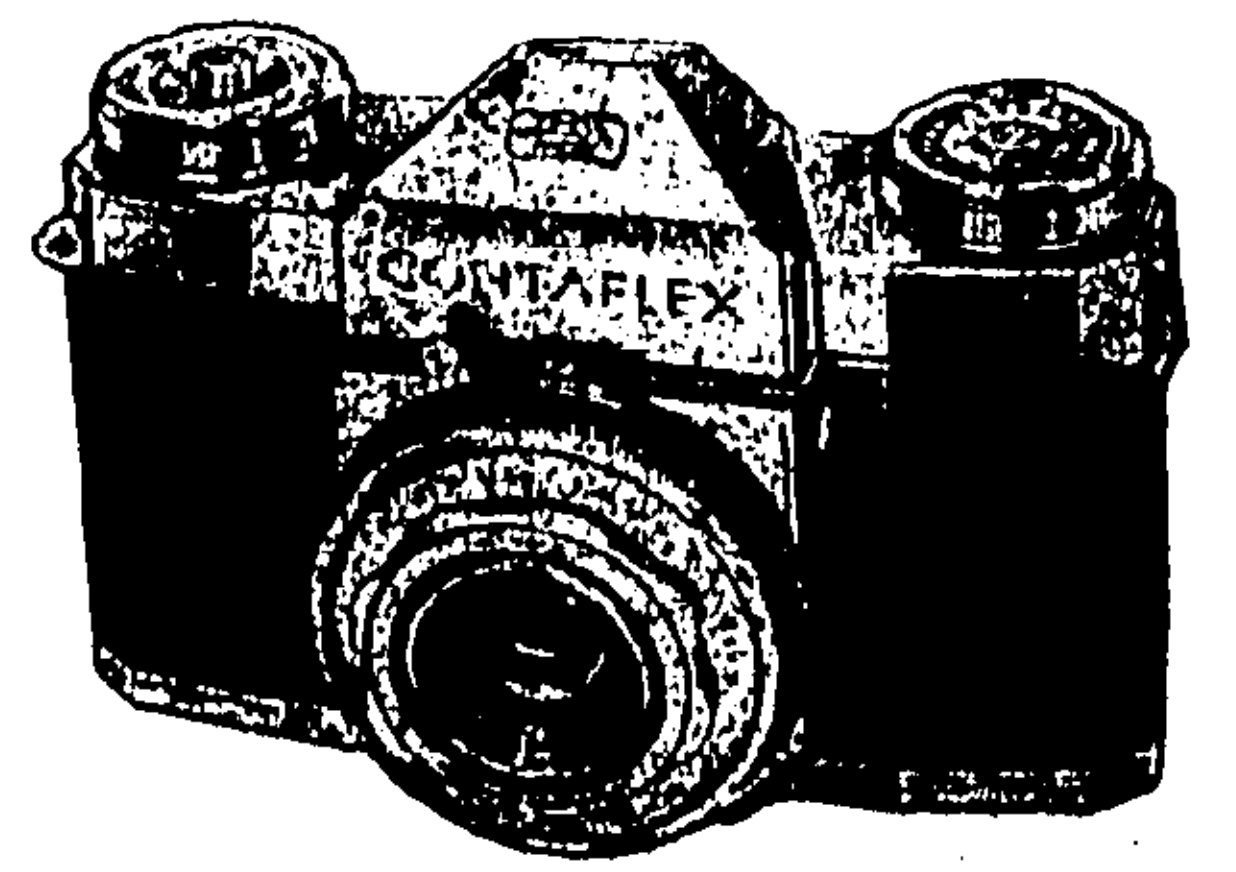
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awarded the Paracelsus Medal,
highest distinction of the Ger-
man Doctors Association.

Dr Kohler, now 48, was cap-
tured at Stalingrad in 1943. In
the prison camp he amputated
an arm using a borrowed hack-
saw. All he had for sewing up
the incision was a cobbler's
thread.

The first award of the Medal
was made in 1932 to Dr Alfred
Schweitzer, missionary doctor in
Africa. It commemorates the
work of the pioneer Dr Philip-
pus Paracelsus who died in 1641.
—China Mail Special.

DEATH PENALTY
BILL APPROVED

Washington, June 22.
A sub-committee of the House
of Representatives today ap-
proved a bill providing for the
death penalty in the United
States for peace time espionage.
The maximum penalty for
espionage is now life imprison-
ment except in time of war.
—Reuters.

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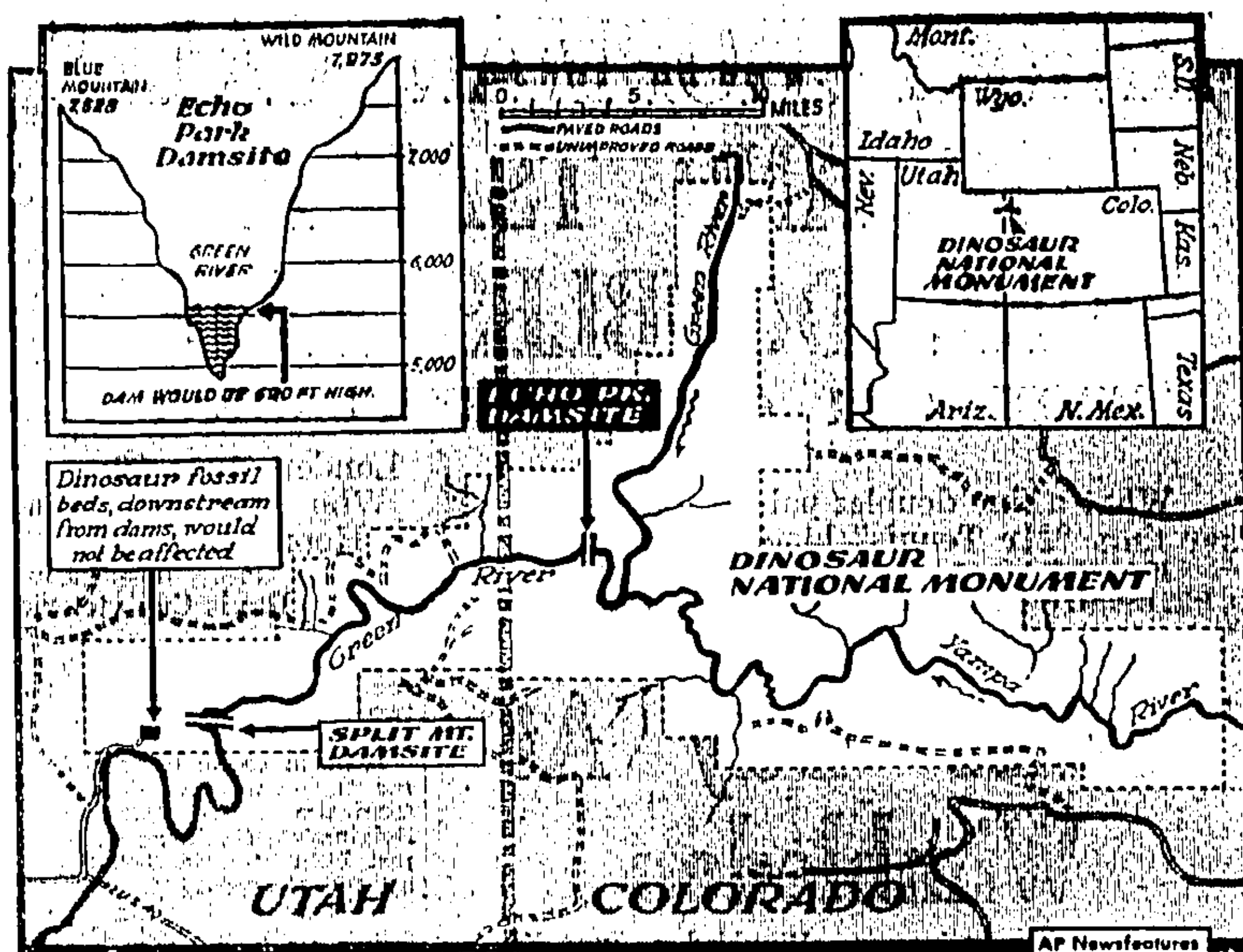
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CONGRESSIONAL STORM OVER A DAM IN A DINOSAUR CEMETERY

New York, June 22.

Seldom has the old saying "it isn't the money, it's the principle of the thing," been given such a thorough workout as in the controversy over the proposed construction of Echo Park Dam in Colorado.

The dam, accounting for about one-fifth of the estimated billion dollar cost of an upper Colorado River development bill now before Congress, would be more or less in the middle of Dinosaur National Monument, which covers 203,885 acres along the Green and Yampa rivers in Colorado and Utah.

That's where the principle comes in. Conservationists contend construction of the irrigation and power dam would be an "invasion" of Dinosaur National

Monument which would establish a precedent that might eventually wipe out many unspoiled natural areas of great scientific value.

Another part of the bill would provide \$21 million for development of Dinosaur National Monument as a recreational area.

The majority report, summarizing the positions of backers of the dam says: "The committee considers that such action establishes no precedent with respect to development of water and power projects in national parks or monuments, as the history of the establishment of the Dinosaur National Monument indicates its establishment was never intended to interfere with water and power development."

Bones Found

The majority report says that "in retaining the Echo Park Dam, the committee was convinced that such action was in the best interest of the nation as a whole" and that "because of its strategic location in the upper basin the Echo Park unit makes feasible other units of the plan."

Dinosaur National Monument originally comprised only 80 acres in Utah. It was enlarged in 1938. It is in the original monument area that deposits of dinosaur bones are found.

The majority committee report contends that the Echo Park development "will in no way affect the original monument area (which lies well outside the reservoir area), nor did testimony of witnesses develop that objects of historic and scientific interest—not common to the Rocky Mountain area generally—would be inundated by the proposed Echo Park reservoir."

Opponents of the bill do not contend that dinosaur remains would be flooded by the dam. Their opposition is based on the fear that the bill would touch off widespread violation of secluded natural spots.

Nine Dams

The upper Colorado project as a whole includes a system of nine dams, together with reservoir power plants, transmission lines and irrigation works.

The present bill would authorize only Echo Park Dam, Glen Canyon Dam, on the Colorado River in northern Arizona, and Curecanti Dam, on the Gunnison River near Gunnison, Colo., together with 11 irrigation projects.

One of the dams, contemplated for the future is Split Mountain Dam, a few miles downstream in Utah from the Echo Park project.

Echo Park Dam would be a concrete structure rising 600 feet above bedrock. Its reservoir would store 4,400,000 acre-feet of water (an acre foot is enough water to cover an acre one foot deep), and its power plant would generate 800,000 kilowatts.

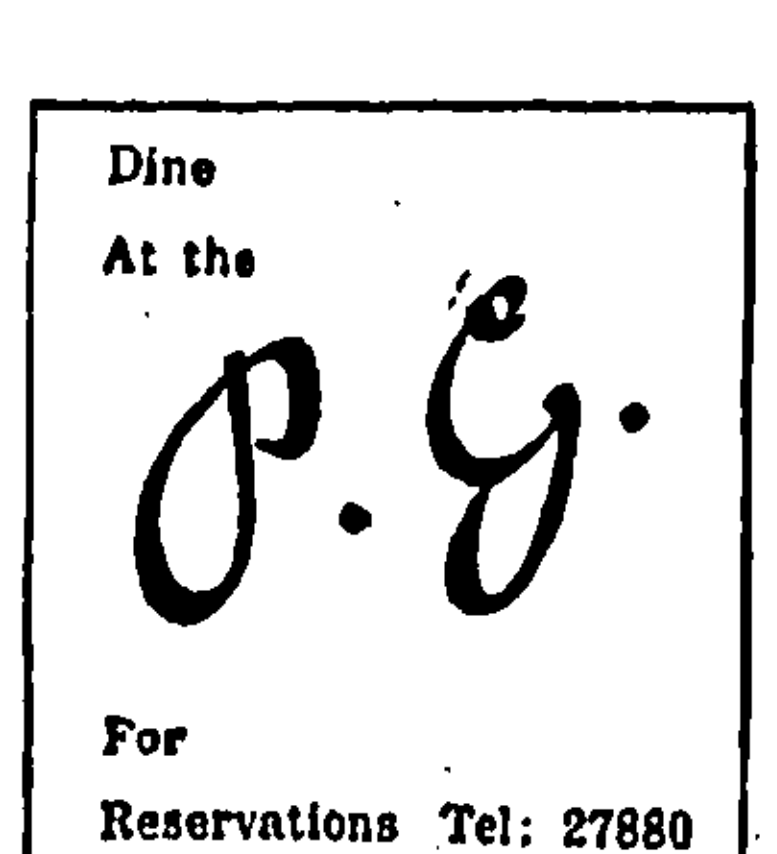
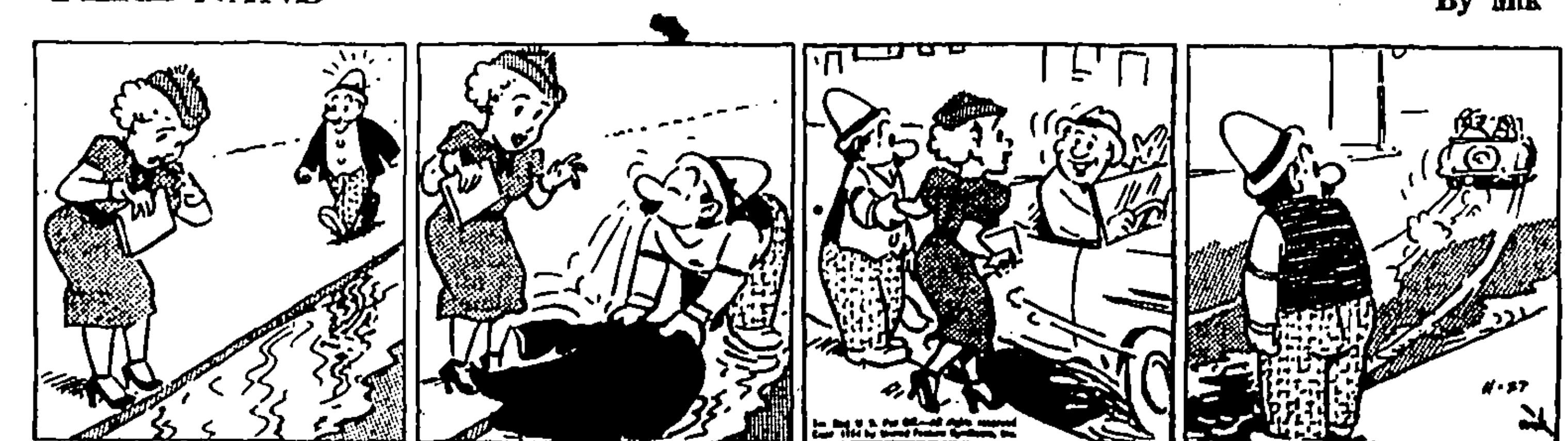
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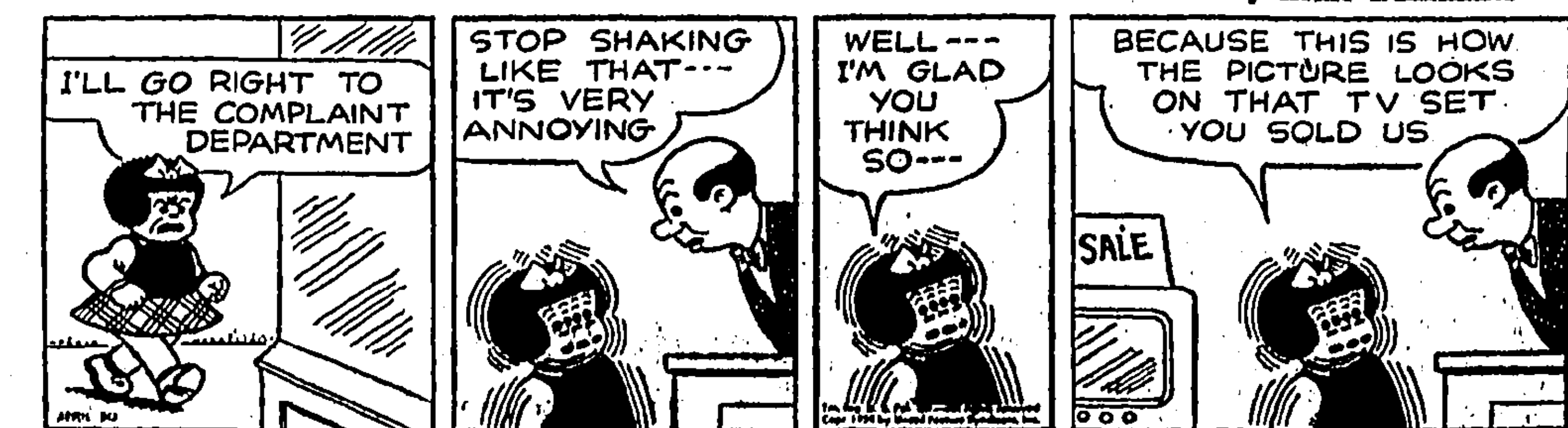
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George's Wealth

AMONG the tramps of the countryside, some kind of fellowship may exist, but those who in London make begging their trade, are mostly men without friends or families, roots or relations, a joyless lot, the loneliest men in the town.

One such George seemed—a lean, gaunt misery in a mackintosh, who was found guilty at Bow Street of begging.

When the charge was proved, the magistrate, Mr. Barrett, remanded George so that the doctors might have a look at him, and perhaps discover why, at the age of 51, he should have lost all pleasure in life, all faith and pride in himself.

TRUMPED UP

IN due course, George was brought back and he stood in the dock again, and looked about him with a kind of puzzled melancholy, as if trying to recall what it was that had brought him to such a place.

The magistrate read what the doctors had written and a probation officer slipped into the witness-box.

"He still maintains," said the probation officer, "that this is a trumped-up charge."

"He does, does he," said the magistrate.

AN ALLOWANCE

"THIS man tells me," the probation officer went on, "that he was in regular work until last September, and since then has had casual jobs. He also says he receives a small monthly allowance that is paid to him through solicitors."

Mr. Reece raised his eyebrows and looked at George, who, in truth, did not look like a man with an unearned income, however small.

"That's right," said George, "and me brother's here, and I can go and stay with him."

"Is his brother here?" the magistrate asked.

HE STUCK IT

THE brother came forward, a spruce, younger replica of George. "Are you prepared to help him?" the magistrate inquired.

"Oh yes, sir, he is my brother. I've been paying his rent, as a matter of fact, while he's been away from home."

Mr. Reece nodded approvingly. "My brother," said George's brother, "did one job, you know, as a sawdust one job, and I must say it for him, he stuck it through rain and shine. In rain and shine he stuck it."

"Had a job with the gas, too," said George, catching the reminiscing mood of a family reunion, and he might have gone on, but a policeman said: "There is a gentleman at the back of the court, from the solicitors, who says he can advance the prisoner some money."

EVERYTHING IN THE GARDEN... "YOUR financial position seems to improve every few seconds," said the magistrate to George, who warily smiled.

An elderly solicitor's managing clerk came into the witness-box and cautiously said he was authorised to advance George a very small amount from a very small trust he held on his behalf in Scotland.

George began to cheer up, and rubbed his bony hands together as if his palms already itched. "Well, I'll discharge you conditionally," Mr. Reece said to him, and added, noticing George's grin: "But you must think that because your friends come forward, everything in the garden is lovely. There may come a rainy day. You get a job of work."

George tried for a moment to work that out, gave up trying and said: "That's right." Then he hurried out to catch up with his friends and relations—and with his small inheritance. He was no longer one of London's lonely beggar-men, but a man of substance again.

The Doctors Smoked Just As Heavily

Cancer Society Report Reaction

San Francisco, June 22. Cigarette sales went briskly at the American Medical Association convention headquarters today despite an American Cancer Society report indicating a link between smoking and cancer and heart disease.

Tobacco company spokesmen at the New York Stock Exchange dropped sharply today after the report was released to the Association yesterday. Doctors attending the national meeting here apparently were puffing away at a normal rate.

Mrs. Wilma Kurz, manager of the hotel's tobacco counter, said: "I have not noticed any difference in cigarette sales and I've been here 10 years. I've certainly been busy selling cigars and cigarettes today."

The reaction of convention delegates was varied. Dr. Edward McCormick, 62, outgoing AMA president, said he would continue smoking his regular pack a day.

NOT PROVEN

"I have not read the actual report and I'm not an authority on the subject," he said. "But from what I've read in the newspapers I don't think they have really proven that cigarettes are as harmful as they say."

There is a "great possibility of connection" between cigarettes and the increased death rate, he said, but "the connection has not been proven as of this date."

Dr. McCormick said that while the report "undoubtedly" would change American cigarette smoking habits, "it won't change mine."

Supporting Mrs. Kurz' report that sales over the counter were still holding up was the scene of a convention conference room, which were filled with smoke.

Dr. Charles Cameron, medical and scientific director of the Cancer Society, predicted that the nation's smoking habits would change as a result of the study.

Dr. Walter B. Martin, 66, inaugurated new AMA president tonight, said that whether a person wanted to quit smoking as a result of the report was an "individual decision."—United Press.

PETROVS IN MELBOURNE

Melbourne, June 23. Mr. Vladimir Petrov, of the Russian diplomat who sought political asylum in Australia last April, has arrived here secretly from Sydney, the Melbourne Argus reported today.

The newspaper said he was accompanied by his wife, Evdokia.

A man who knew the Petrovs well recognised them as they drove through Melbourne streets with a security escort, the report said. They were believed to have been taken to a luxurious suburban home, where they will stay until they appear as witnesses before a Royal Commission into alleged Russian espionage, which resumes here on June 30.

Australian security officials were refused to discuss the couple's whereabouts. But they said the Petrovs were "happy and well" and are allowed freedom of movement.—Reuter.

SHOWDOWN BATTLE

(Continued from Page 1)

bulletin from Radio Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras.

This said Colonel Armas had sent an ultimatum to the Guatemalan Government to surrender by 2000 GMT or it would be impossible to avoid further bloodshed.

Colonel Lira, commanding units of Armas' forces, was quoted as saying that up to now only a few skirmishes had occurred and casualties were not high.

Radio Honduras reported the arrival of two vessels carrying arms from the United States. It said these were for the Honduran Government's defence and not to be given to the Guatemalan invaders.—Reuter.

Yugoslav Orphans Visit England



Television Commercials Criticised

Alleged Effect On Children

Washington, June 22. A temperance spokesman testified today that television commercials are causing little children to call for a beer when they visit the soda fountain.

To illustrate her point, Miss Elizabeth Smart, legislative director of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, recited several beer advertising jingles for a Senate Commerce subcommittee.

These musical rhymes have a natural attraction for children, she said, so that when asked what they will have at a soda fountain they "automatically answer" with the name of a popular beer.

Miss Smart was one of 26 religious and temperance leaders appearing before the subcommittee in support of a bill to ban liquor, beer and wine advertising in inter-State commerce.

They were accused by the National Package Stores Association of trying to gain a foothold for prohibition by attacking alcoholic advertising.

Leading off for the opposition, Ben Joseph, President of the Association, said the legislation was an attempt to hack away on a "one piece at a time basis."

Mrs. Gwen Hays, President of the WCTU, told the subcommittee that liquor advertising was the reason homes were being built around "the bar in the basement" rather than the "family altar."

She said the car, the news stand, the radio and television "have made it utterly impossible for even the most concerned parent to protect his child from undesirable outside influences."—United Press.

Mr Casey Taken Suddenly Ill

London, June 22. Mr. Richard Casey, Australia's External Affairs Minister, was taken suddenly ill and admitted to the Tropical Diseases Hospital here yesterday, it was disclosed today.

Mr. Casey was stated at the hospital tonight to be "quite comfortable."

He is expected to leave hospital tomorrow morning and will be able to meet Sir Winston Churchill and Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, before he flies to New York on Thursday night.—Reuter.

Buckingham Palace Luncheon

Her Majesty the Queen entertained former President Auriol of France and Madame Auriol at a luncheon today in Buckingham Palace.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was also present and other guests included the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the British Ambassador to France, Sir Gladwyn Jebb.

M. and Mme. Auriol are on a private visit to Britain.—United Press.

State Of Emergency Declared

Des Moines, Iowa, June 22. Mayor Joseph Van Dresser proclaimed a state of emergency today as the highest water in 150 years surged toward this capital.

Residents of low areas were urged to evacuate their homes.

The Red Cross said 922 families had been "affected" by the floods and 614 families had been evacuated.

The Des Moines weather bureau predicted a flood crest of 29 to 30 feet here on the Des Moines river on Thursday, six to seven feet above flood level.

The previous record high was 27.3 feet in 1903. The worst flood in city history was in June, 1947, when the Des Moines crested at 26.5 feet and one-fifth of the city was submerged.

The Raccoon River, which joins the Des Moines River here, is expected to crest at 17 1/2 to 18 1/2 feet late on Thursday or early Friday.

National Guard units were put on standby alert to fight the record crests.

The Mayor issued a statement warning against panic and assured residents that the city government "will do all it can" to lessen possible damages.

He called on "each and every citizen to carry out the orders of officials" during this emergency period.

National Guardsmen, city employees and volunteers piled thousands of sandbags around the city waterworks. The river broke through at one point, but workers put out a call for more bags and said they believed they could save the plant.—United Press.

RED UNIONISTS' CONFERENCE

Berlin, June 22. A three-day conference of European trade unionists sponsored by the Communist-led World Federation of Trade Unions ended here today with an appeal to European workers to fight against the European Defence Community Treaty and a resolution against the use of atomic weapons.

The East German news agency ADN said the conference was attended by 513 delegates from 22 European countries. A guest delegate was Mr. Virilio Guerra, Guatemalan trade unionist.—Reuter.

Television Bill Passed

London, June 22. The House of Commons last night finally passed the Government's controversial bill to introduce commercial television into Britain as a rival to the British Broadcasting Corporation by 251 votes to 205.

Mr. L. R. Gamman, Assistant Postmaster-General, said he hoped the new independent television authority, drawing its revenue chiefly from advertising, would be on the air next year.—Reuter.

PI-Japan Reparations Compromise Possible

Manila, June 23. Nacionalista senators today moved towards a compromise with the President on the reparations issue with Senators Claro M. Recto and Gil Puyat issuing what observers termed as heartening statements.

Senator Recto, who had earlier taken the President to task for sending a reparations survey mission to Japan, this morning pressed anew for a reparations plan that would make Japan pay the Philippines US\$800,000,000 within a five-year period.

Senator Puyat, a ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, announced that he was ready to relax his US\$1,000,000,000 demand from Japan should new facts be presented by the survey mission.

The presidential reparations survey mission met yesterday afternoon for the first time in Manila since its return from Japan to put the final touches to its report to the President.

The mission, headed by Finance Secretary Mr. Jaime Hernandez, is rushing its report to the President since apparently the reparations issue has taken on a new note of urgency in legislative circles.

While it was the first formal reunion yesterday since the arrival of its members early this month from Japan, members have been meeting separately in small groups to discuss their respective studies and to evaluate their findings for the entire mission to consider.

Another meeting has been scheduled for next week.—France-Press.

11 SENTENCES CONFIRMED

Cairo, June 23. The Revolution Command Council last night confirmed all but two sentences on 18 Army officers charged with plotting to overthrow the Government of Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser on May Day.

The Council suspended execution of the sentences on two Lieutenants—one given seven years and the other one year—for aiding the prosecution in their investigation.

Sixteen officers were charged but the tribunal acquitted three of them.

The ringleader, Captain Ahmed Aly Hassan el Mary, got 15 years' imprisonment.

The officers were charged with planning to depose Colonel Nasser, the Premier and "strong man" of the Revolution, and restore Parliament life in Egypt.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

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Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.03, Lucky Dip Variety Request presented by Marguerite (Studio); 7.00, Fina (Piano) with Orchestra and Vocal; 7.15, Orchestra of the West; 7.30, Des Concerts L'Europe; 7.45, Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (Recorded); 8.00, News (Radio); 8.15, Western Report; 8.30, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 8.45, News (London Relay); 9.00, News (London Relay); 9.15, News (London Relay); 9.30, News (London Relay); 9.45, News (London Relay); 10.00, News (London Relay); 10.15, News (London Relay); 10.30, News (London Relay); 10.45, News (London Relay); 11.00, News (London Relay); 11.15, News (London Relay); 11.30, News (London Relay); 11.45, News (London Relay); 12.00, News (London Relay); 12.15, News (London Relay); 12.30, News (London Relay); 12.45, News (London Relay); 1.00, News (London Relay); 1.15, News (London Relay); 1.30, News (London Relay); 1.45, News (London Relay); 2.00, News (London Relay); 2.15, News (London Relay); 2.30, News (London Relay); 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